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## CONDITION OF THE SOUTH.

### LOUISIANA.

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS SINCE THE WAR—CAUSES OF THE PRESENT DISORDER—EXCESSIVE TAXATION AND HOW IT WORKS IN NEW-ORLEANS.

*From Our Special Correspondent.*

NEW-ORLEANS, Sunday, Sept. 20, 1874.

The condition of the Southern States has, for some time past, been such as to warrant the gravest suspicions of extreme misrule. The traveler who, passing along the skirt of a wood, is encountered by a hideous smell of corruption, and sees wheeling above the tops of the trees a swarm of carrion birds, mentally exclaims, "There is a dead body in there." So it is with the South. Nowhere is this more prominent than in Louisiana, and more especially in New-Orleans, which is not only the capital of the State, but the Metropolitan city of the Southern tier of States. For here, in former years, were gathered all the staples of the South, and from its magazines, in exchange, the planters received not only their necessities, but all the luxuries which they loved. This gave to New-Orleans a marked and special appearance. The stores were enormous, the banks numerous, the offices fitted up with an elegance and splendor which more than rivaled New-York, and the merchants, who were accustomed to a very lucrative business, lived in what may fairly be termed a princely manner.

The war changed very greatly this aspect of things. The planters, who were the source of all this wealth, were for the moment ruined. It had been their practice always to exceed their means, to live up to the revenue of a full year, and to fall into debt whenever the crops fell below their highest average. They had, therefore, no savings. They owned no bank stock, no buildings save what were on their plantations, they had shares in no railways, they had no bonds, in short, they had no money. Their sole possessions were land and negroes. The triumph of the Union arms having dispossessed them of the latter, they had nothing remaining but the land. There is a proverb that you cannot teach new tricks to an old dog, and hence the planters, knowing no other way of living than their old one, did what they could with their lands under the new régime. They had always been kind to their slaves. And the new-born freemen, quite as incapable as their masters of learning new tricks, and having absolute confidence in them, remained on the plantations and worked as formerly. But, being free, they had to be paid, and they at first worked on shares and then for wages, and then on shares again. Having no capacity for calculation, and not being very steady workers at the best, at the end of the year they were always surprised to find how little they had earned. Therefore, no way of payment satisfied them. If they had been working on shares, they thought that wages was the better way of payment. If they had been receiving wages, when the crops were gathered and they had no share in them, then they thought working on shares more lucrative. But the result was always the same: they were dissatisfied and discontented, and constantly thought "ole massa" cheated them.

The consequence was that there was a gradual drifting away of the discontented ones from the plantations to the large towns, and here they came in contact with white men of the most unscrupulous character, who immediately made use of them for their own needs of political advancement. These scoundrels taught them all the Tammany mysteries of stuffing ballot-boxes, and, I very much fear, of rowdy violence also. In Louisiana, under the régime of Warmoth, the tactics with which the rowdy followers of Tweed made us familiar were carried out to the fullest extent, and the whole unhappy State was as it were enveloped in a net, whose meshes were composed of unscrupulous officials. At first these were principally white men, but as time progressed the colored people insisted on their share of the spoils, just as in New-York the Plug-uglies and Shoulder-hitters, after helping their employers in their villainies, suddenly turned round and insisted on the best part of the plunder for themselves. Thus we had Mike Norton as a State Senator, Cox for a Police Justice, and a whole train of pimps, blacklegs, burglars, pickpockets, and garroters for the minor municipal offices; and that is exactly what has come to pass in Louisiana, only that these scoundrels do their villainies under the cover of the Republican Party mantle.

Politically the consequences of this state of things has been to unite the well-disposed whites of the community with the small dastardly element of intractables who are now conspicuous as the White Leaguers, who have been Kukluxes, and who, under different names, have filled the land with horror at their atrocities. This element is composed of men of ruined fortunes, who joined the Confederate armies not from any special motives of patriotism, but as a means of promotion, an opportunity of possible plunder. In the North these men would belong to the criminal classes, and would graduate at Sing Sing. Here they are considered patriots, because the anger of the respectables has been so intensified by their pecuniary difficulties that they look upon these men as well-meaning but rash. These Captains and Colonels of the lost cause live upon the sentimental feelings with which the community regard their beaten flag. Some of them are nominally farmers, having taken up small farms of fifty acres where large plantations have been broken up, and pretend to cultivate cotton. If they chose to work at their cotton fields they might do well, but they are no more workers than the panel thieves of New-York. Their profession is terrorism, their vocation to look out for thriving negroes and to murder them and rob them under the pretext of irreconcilable race feeling.

It would be thought that public sentiment would operate so powerfully against these men that their occupation would be gone. But the political situation which gave them birth sustains them. The Creole population of Louisiana, both by tradition and inclination, is well disposed to the colored race, and the idea of irreconcilable race-feeling between them is most preposterous. But they have been bitterly incensed not only by the pecuniary condition of the State, but also by having been in a manner expelled from the small local offices which they were accustomed to hold. These are now held by colored men, who are in almost every instance utterly unqualified for the positions. Putting aside the justiceships, judgeships, assessorships, &c., and taking the police jury boards alone, we can manage to understand how the feelings of this powerful element of the population have been wrought upon. The police juries have functions precisely similar to those of the judges of county courts. The counties in Louisiana are known as parishes, and all the internal finance and police government of the parish are in the hands of the police jury. The Creoles love office not so much for the sake of its emoluments as for the consequence it gives them in the eyes of their own population. Offices are often handed down from father to son, for though the theory of the United States may make them elective, yet the Creole traditions among a population almost exclusively Creole are overwhelmingly more potent. These positions have been taken from them and have been given to colored men in every district where the ballot stuffing of the Administration party could obtain a majority. The effect of this has been to throw the Creole element into the arms of the White Leaguers, giving to these ruffians a prestige which otherwise they could not have gained.

There remains to be considered the effect of maladministration upon the American whites. The planters, who hold large estates, are, like the Creoles, very warm friends of the colored race, and as to any race feeling between them, the notion is absurd. They are used to the negroes; they like them; they make allowances for their shortcomings, humor their waywardness, and try and promote their interests in every way. One would have thought that the rulers would have endeavored to conciliate men who were so disposed to be their allies, and whose interests, moreover, marched hand in hand with their natural inclinations. But such has been the spirit of rapine of the men who have governed Louisiana, that no class has been more plundered than the planters. I have before me, as I write, the items of parish taxation, as furnished by a Police Jury to a gentleman who owned land in the town of Natchitoches. The assessed value of the land was $1,350. The taxes were as follows:

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| Special parish tax | $54 00 | Kearney | $2 70 |
| Parish | 27 00 | Serving notice | 25 |
| School | 3 38 | | |
| Total | | | $87 33 |

This is between 6 and 7 per cent. on land unimproved, and from which the owner will not for years and years receive any income. Here is another tax claim for another piece of land in the same parish, valued at $11,605:

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| Special parish tax | $464 20 | Kearney | $23 21 |
| Parish | 232 10 | Serving notice | 25 |
| School | 29 02 | | |
| Total | | | $748 78 |

This land was a small plantation which has barely paid expenses since the war, and has never returned any income. Add to this the State tax of $168 28, and the average of taxation is over eight per cent. How can men pay this under all the disadvantages of a changed system of labor? And the manner in which the special parish tax is often increased would be laughable if it were not so iniquitous. Invariably there is some white scoundrel in the Police Jury Board, either as a member or as a clerk, and he teaches the negroes how the thing is to be done *à la* Tweed. One case which was told me of another parish I will repeat. A lawyer had occasion for a map of the parish, and as there was not one he paid a surveyor $100 to make one. Afterward he determined to settle in business elsewhere, and he made the town a present of his map. The Police Jury, after consultation, determined to have a larger one made, so they found a man who agreed to make an enlarged copy for a small sum, and they boldly charged $7,500 for it. This reminds me forcibly of a little incident in Tweed's career. One of his henchmen invested about $163 in the purchase of thermometers at a bankrupt sale, bought additional instruments from Tagliabue, the famous New-York maker, for $150, and supplied them to the Department of Public Works, which charged the City $7,300. Point for point, item for item, the Tweed system has been reproduced down here with startling fidelity.

Can it be wondered at that the planters who could and who would root out the White Leaguers in a week sit still with folded hands and hear without indignation of their exploits? The insolence and rapacity of the negro officials without their check, diabolical as it is, would know no bounds. Hence it is that this element, which has been paraded before the country as a proof of irreconcilable race animosity, has been accepted as the pervading one of the State. Whatever may be the case elsewhere I am not prepared to say, but this much is certain with regard to Louisiana, that the irreconcilable whites would have had neither local habitation nor existence if the State Government had not made them strong. They exist only because the land is so grievously misgoverned. It required some ingenuity to make enemies of the planters, and to prevent their friendly influence from being felt by the colored race. Those who allowed the crime will have to answer for it before the bar of public opinion.

Besides the planters and the irreconcilable whites are the commercial and financial classes. Money has no opinions, and hence it is sure to be impartial. Bankers and cotton brokers, store-keepers, provision merchants, and dry goods dealers would be friendly to any administration that would render the country prosperous. They are a unit against the present Government. But as their political sentiments are governed by the financial situation entirely, I shall consider the political position discussed and pass to matters of finance. Although the classes of whom I have spoken do not hesitate to put everything on the shoulders of the Government, it is quite clear that the City of New-Orleans is pecuniarily depressed from other causes also. It is true that they are still handling much cotton, but the manner in which it is raised is different, and those who send it to market are no longer lavish purchasers as of old. Then, again, rivals have taken away from New-Orleans much of her old Texan trade, and the Red River business has shrunk to very small proportions. Had the Morgan Railroad been completed, had its affairs been conducted in good faith, it is impossible to doubt that the pecuniary aspect here would be much brighter. But the line has only been completed to Donaldsonville, just half way to Houston, and its affairs are in an inextricable snarl. If it could be completed a brighter day would dawn for this unhappy city. But, under the diabolical system of taxation, under the laws of penalties for non-payment, with the short time given for recovery, (only six months,) it is utterly impossible to raise money by mortgage on real estate. Nominally the depression in this particular is only fifty per cent. Actually sales are impossible except under special conditions. Let us go into particulars.

Since the war certain sections of the city have greatly increased in population, and the prices of property here are higher than before the war. But, if compared with the prices in 1868, before Warmoth became Governor, they show a terrible decrease, even when sold under favorable circumstances. When sold to satisfy legal demands they are simply sacrificed. In the Sixth District, for example, on St. Charles avenue—the Fifth avenue of New-Orleans—lots of 30 by 120 were worth from $1,000 to $1,500, and at present they are not salable, though held nominally for $600. In the month of March of this present year the leading real estate man of this city sold a lot 300 feet square, with a handsome three-story brick mansion, splendid gardens, &c., belonging to a family formerly very wealthy, for $27,000. The cost of the house and lot was over $75,000. Another piece of property on the same avenue, 150 by 150, with handsome mansion, which had been sold in 1868 for $25,000, realized only $6,000. This is almost tantamount to confiscation, and it is clear that when values are falling like this men will not lend upon mortgage. In the business part of the city things are no better. There is the property of the Louisiana State Bank, now in course of liquidation. It was sold in March, 1874, under bankrupt proceedings for $12,800. It had a front on Royal street of 140 feet, and on Conti street of 120 feet. It was a magnificent three-story brick building, splendidly fitted up, which could not be erected to-day for $40,000, and the ground alone was worth in 1868 $50,000, a total of $90,000. Yet it fetched only $12,800. Canal street is the principal avenue of commerce. In the latter part of December a four-story brick store, between Charles and Dorsiré, sold for $30,000, though it was at the time leased for $5,000 per annum to a good-paying tenant, and though two years before $55,000 had been refused for it. Ruin is the only name for such a state of things.

Taxation on real estate for the city is nominally 2⅜ per cent., and for the State 1.45. The State Assessing Board is composed of from seven to ten individuals, appointed by the Governor, who have sole jurisdiction, and they are paid by a commission of five per cent. upon their assessments. They refuse to take the certificates of leading real estate men (sworn to) as to market value, and fix the valuation entirely according to their fantasy, which, being influenced by five per cent. motives, never by any means fixes the value at less than double the amount. Of course there is the grossest favoritism shown by the assessors. The ring do not pay at all, and the public generally is ferociously pursued. But there is a general inability to pay their taxes, and at the present moment five millions are unpaid. Just as, in New-York under the Tweed régime, it became the business of certain lawyers to vacate assessments, so here in New-Orleans there are tax-brokers with whom arrangements can be made for the discharge of dues at an enormous reduction upon payment of a handsome commission. Recalcitrant and rebellious individuals who wickedly have not the money to pay their taxes, and scorn to compound them, are simply sold up. But nobody will buy their property, and the State is at this moment the purchaser of real estate in the city and country in hundreds of instances. The law regulating the payment is infamous. There is no other word for it. If a man does not pay within the prescribed time (twenty days) he is punished by a penalty of 100 per cent., besides costs of process, (heavy.) Thirty days after if he does not pay up taxes, penalty, and costs, the tax collector has power to seize and sell the property. This can be redeemed within six months by payment of double the amount, and if this is not done, then a good and valid title is vested in the purchaser. What is this but spoliation? Moreover no one can redeem the property so lost save the veritable owner. It cannot be done by power of attorney, but the transaction must be done by the owner in person. If this state of things is permitted much longer all the real estate of the country will be in the hands of the Government, and we may expect a revival of feudal tenure, the land being granted to carpet-baggers under promise of military service.

GAR.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

A CHAMBERLAIN MEETING TAKEN POSSESSION OF BY INDEPENDENTS.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 25.—A mass-meeting of colored Republicans was called for last evening to ratify the nomination of Chamberlain for Governor. Congressman Elliott, Chamberlain, and others were announced to speak, but when the meeting assembled it became apparent that its sentiment was strongly against Chamberlain. Congressman Rainsier, one of the Independent Republican leaders, was elected Chairman over the nominee of the regulars, and Elliott, Chamberlain, and others tried vainly to be heard, their voices being drowned by the cheering for Judge Green, the Independent Republican candidate for Governor. The meeting adjourned about midnight. The expected resolutions ratifying the nomination of Chamberlain were not offered.

### CANADA.

THE ROWING MATCH POSTPONED.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 25.—In consequence of the dense fog the race between Brown and Morris has been postponed until 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

FIRE IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—A fire broke out yesterday in the store of W. D. Youle, on St. Paul street. The stock consisted mostly of oils and paints. Several explosions occurred during the fire. The loss is estimated at $25,000, partially covered by insurance.

FIRE AT ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 25.—A fire here last night destroyed the house of Hon. Mr. Anglin, Speaker of the Dominion Parliament; also a house occupied by three families, three barns, and two sheds, all situated on Waterloo street. The night was calm, otherwise the fire might have been very disastrous. The loss is about $3,000; insurance $3,000.

CHANGE OF GAUGE ON THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—The changing of the gauge, from broad to narrow, commenced this afternoon on the Grand Trunk Railway, east of this city. Six hundred men arrived last evening from the Western Division, to assist in the work. Narrow-gauge trains will run next Monday on the entire line from Portland to Sarnia, with the exception of the Riviere Du Loup Branch, which will not be open for traffic till Tuesday.

THE RACES AT WATERLOO, ONTARIO.

WATERLOO, Ontario, Sept. 25.—The third day's races opened with a hurdle handicap race, two miles dash, over eight hurdles, for a purse of $200. Kelso came in first, and Mignonette second.

Second race, $250, for horses that never beat 2:30.

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| Draper | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Erastus | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

Time—2:34, 2:33¾, 2:34¾, 2:42.

The meeting closed with a handicap dash of two miles, for a purse of $350. Vespucius won by half a head; Pleasantville came in second, and Galt Reporter third. Time, 3:46.

CONVICTION OF A MURDERER.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Sept. 25.—In the case of Thomas Farrel, on trial here for the murder of Edward Bradley, near Minersville, last January, by shooting him with a shot gun, then cutting his body in two and throwing it in an air hole of a mine, the jury, after being out twenty-seven hours, returned a verdict this evening of guilty in the second degree.

THE ODD-FELLOWS.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 25.—The petition of the Grand Lodge for a charter for Montreal Encampment, No. 1, was granted. The following amendment to the constitution was offered: To strike out "United States" so that the lodge be styled "Supreme Grand Lodge of American Odd-fellowship." Eulogies on deceased members were delivered. To-day the Grand Lodge visited the Supreme Court of Georgia, and were entertained at a banquet by the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

## WASHINGTON.

### THE BOSTON CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION—AN EXAMINING BOARD AGREED ON—BUTLER AND THE BOSTON OFFICES.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The Civil Service Commission held a meeting to-day and will meet again next week. It has been arranged that one examining board shall be appointed to have charge of all the examinations in Boston and the grouping of the offices, and many matters of detail in carrying into effect the President's recent order have been considered. The appointment of the board will soon be made. Various other matters were considered by the commission, and it is probable that arrangements will soon be made to apply the rules to the Redemption Bureau of the Treasury Department, organized under the new currency act. This bureau had to be organized so rapidly as to leave no time for examinations, and for various reasons it has been permitted to run on till the present time, outside of the operation of the rules. It is understood that Gen. Spinner is less opposed to the competitive method of selection than formery. The order extending the operation of the rules to Boston was determined upon by the President about a month ago, and previous to his visit to the Martha's Vineyard camp-meeting. The form of the order was suggested by the Chairman of the commission, and was unchanged by the President, who signed it precisely as it was drawn. The order would have been signed and promulgated at the date it bears, Aug. 31, except for accidental delays in its reaching the President. By accident, also, the order was promulgated on the same day that Gen. Butler arrived in Washington, and with the usual Butlerian tactics it was whispered around that he favored and procured it, and that it would operate to create vacancies, which would be filled by his friends. The fact is that the only effect of the application of the rules in Boston upon Massachusetts political affairs will be to prevent any of the persons or parties from making use of the Federal offices. The order is regarded as a complete answer to the charges of last Spring, that Gen. Butler dictated the appointment of Simmons, for it cuts off absolutely his power to use the offices for the political advancement of Butler's interests. The order is to be carried out in good faith. It was approved by the Civil Service Commission, who deem that sufficient good results have been secured in other places to warrant the extension of the rules to Boston and elsewhere, as fast as is possible and practicable.

*Dispatch to the Associated Press.*

POWER TO REMIT REVENUE FINES.

The Attorney General has decided that under section 5,293 of the Revised Statutes the Secretary of the Treasury has power to remit fines, penalties, and forfeitures arising under any revenue law where the amount does not exceed $1,000, where there has been no summary inquiry and statement by a Judge; and also to remit fines, penalties, and forfeitures arising under laws relating to the registering, recording, enrolling, or licensing of vessels when the amount does not exceed $50.

THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN OCCUPIED.

The repairs to the Executive Mansion having been completed, the President and Mrs. Grant have resumed their residence therein. The two eldest sons of the President, Frederick and Ulysses, are now on a visit to their parents.

THE TREASURY.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day were as follows: Currency, $14,286,533; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $61,380,000; coin, $73,937,775, including in coin certificates, $27,196,300; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000. The internal revenue receipts to-day were $319,549.

THE REMAINS OF MR. BRADFORD, MAIL AGENT.

A letter received at the Post Office Department to-day from Grafton, West Va., says all that is left of the remains of late Mail Agent Bradford, who was burned in the railroad accident yesterday, are there awaiting orders from his friends. The poor fellow was terribly mangled. He was regarded as one of the most efficient mail agents in the service.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

The following appointments of Postmasters were made to-day: John L. Bissell, at Waterville, N. Y.; Alexander H. Lamb, at Butler, Mo.; Charles W. Borars, at Chenoa, Ill.

NAVY ORDERS.

Commander E. A. K. Benham is ordered to temporary duty at the Naval Rendezvous at New-York; Ensign William M. Wood, to the Hydrographic Office; Midshipman John C. Colwell to the Asiatic Station per steamer of Oct. 17, from San Francisco; Commander Henry Erben, Jr., is detached from the Naval Rendezvous at New-York and ordered to command the Tuscarora, at the Mare Island Navy-yard, on the 5th of October next; Commander George E. Belknap is detached from the command of the Tuscarora, and ordered home to wait orders. Lieut. Commander A. A. Batcheller is detached from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Franklin, on the European station, as executive officer; Ensigns S. A. Staunton and Perrin Bushbee are detached from the Sabine and ordered to the Hydrographic Office.

THE BLACK HILLS.

The account of an alleged interview, as published in a Sioux City paper of Sept. 20, between Charley Collins and the Secretary of the Interior, is a pure fabrication. Collins has never had an interview with the Secretary in reference to the Black Hills, and the Secretary never expressed to him, or anybody else, such opinions as are contained in the article. The Secretary was not in Washington at the time Collins pretends to have been there.

EXTENSION OF POSTAL SERVICE.

The Postmaster General has ordered an extension of the railway postal service on the Berks County Railroad, from Reading to Slatington.

ACQUITTAL IN THE CASE FOR FORGERY OF PAY CERTIFICATES.

Underwood and Hall, indicted on a charge of forging firemen's certificates, were acquitted to-day, the court directing the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty." The District Attorney previously declared he had utterly failed to prove his allegations.

THE CERTIFICATES OF THE BOARD OF WORKS.

It was stated at the Contractors' Association to-day that the aggregate amount of certificates of the late Board of Public Works now on file in the office of the Auditing Commission is about $1,000,000, and that there is also nearly twice that amount in unmeasured work and accounts now due them on unfinished contracts, many of the latter being under suspension.

A NATIONAL LABOR CONVENTION.

A. E. Redstone, President of the National Labor Council, announces that the time for holding State Conventions for the purpose of electing delegates to a National Convention has been extended to the 17th October.

### THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—At the convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, held in Germantown to-day, the usual committees were announced. The Secretary of the International Committee stated that there are now 940 associations in the Union, forty-eight of which have buildings valued at $2,000,000, and fifty-six are accumulating funds, amounting to $250,000. There are seventy-eight general Secretaries employed by individual societies to give their time and effort to this work. The international work is really the missionary work of the association. Last year, at the Dayton convention, the report of the committee having this work in charge indicated progress in Alabama, Indiana, and Illinois. The present year there is a loud call for work in Virginia. The banner State of the association is Pennsylvania, and it is to her that we must look for contributions to this missionary work.

At the afternoon session reports were read from various associations. The attractiveness of Christian services was then discussed at length. The report of the Executive Committee showed that there were 125 associations in the State, 12 of which were formed last year; 220 meetings were held; 80 places visited; 8,000 documents, circulars, and letters sent out, and 25,000 miles traveled in the interest of the cause. The membership of these associations is 12,000.

In the evening an open-air meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered, &c.

### CHICAGO FIRE RISKS.

PROBABLE ACTION OF THE BOSTON INSURANCE COMPANIES.

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—The officers of the National Board of Underwriters having stated that the larger foreign and domestic companies will withdraw their agencies from Chicago if the requirements of the board are not complied with, a reporter of the *Traveller* made inquiries to-day at the offices of the Boston companies taking risks in Chicago, with the following result:

Mr. Gould, of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, proposed to continue the agency of this company at Chicago and take all risks offered. He believes that each company should have a policy of its own, and that its action should be independent of the position taken by others.

Another company could not tell yet what would be done, but thought it would be well for the Boston companies interested to consult in the matter, and believed joint action might be advisable.

Still another company thought that it would be difficult to tell much about what would be done. As for a meeting, the central body had taken definite action, and it remained to be seen what the result would be so far as different companies belonging to it are concerned. Two other companies have agencies in Chicago, but do not appear to have decided on the course to be pursued. The opinion is entertained by them that some consultation must be had among Boston offices before taking definite action.

The Faneuil Hall Insurance Company did not propose to withdraw their agency from Chicago, but to continue business, and to charge for risks there what they thought was fair under the circumstances, making their premiums correspond with any extra risks. This, they thought, was the true policy, and would place things on a right basis, very similar to that adopted toward Boston after the great fire.

### THE HOSTILE INDIANS.

ATTACK ON A HAY CAMP OF THE SIXTH CAVALRY—TROOPS IN PURSUIT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The following telegrams have been forwarded here by Capt. Madden, of the Sixth Cavalry:

BUFFALO, Kan., Sept. 14.

*To the Commanding Officer, Fort Hays:*

My hay camp was attacked this afternoon by a band of Indians, about twenty-five in number, and one mule and one gun taken. They also attacked the camp of a bone-picking outfit at a crossing of the Saline, three miles from here, taking one horse, one mule, and a boy with them, and destroying their camp and camp equipage. They shot at one man several times, also at a boy. I think a party should be sent out at once, as the trail is very plain and can easily be followed.

(Signed,) J. S. THOMPSON.

Capt. Madden detailed Lieut. Kerr, with Second Lieut. Rucker and twenty-five men of Company C, Sixth Cavalry, to proceed to the scene of the attack.

A later dispatch from Capt. Madden, dated Fort Hays, Kansas, Sept. 15, mentions that the body of the boy captured by the Indians on the night of the 14th was found on the 15th about 300 yards from the destroyed camp. Lieut. Kerr and his detail left the station at 2:20 o'clock P. M., and was last heard from at 5:30 P. M. They were on the trail of the Indians, following it up the Saline.

### THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—1 A. M.—The barometer remains highest off the Middle Atlantic States, with southerly winds and generally clear weather over New-England, and rising barometer, north-easterly winds, partly cloudy weather, and occasional coast rains on the South Atlantic Coast. Falling barometer, easterly winds, cloudy and rainy weather are reported from the lower Mississippi Valley, and the same, with southerly winds, in the upper Mississippi Valley. The rivers have risen at Cincinnati, Cairo, St. Louis, and Shreveport, and fallen at Keokuk and New-Orleans.

PROBABILITIES.

During Saturday, over the South Atlantic States, stationary and rising barometer, lower temperature, partly cloudy weather, and local rains will prevail.

Over the Eastern Gulf States, rising barometer, south-east winds, stationary temperature and cloudy weather, with light rain.

Over the lower lakes falling barometer and temperature, increasing cloudiness veering to south-west winds, stationary temperatures, cloudy and rainy weather.

Over Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, stationary and rising barometer, south and east winds, increasing cloudiness, and possibly rain, followed by clearing weather.

Over the Western Gulf States, rising barometer, north-easterly winds veering to south-east, partly cloudy and clearing weather, with higher temperature.

Over the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, and the North-west, south-west to north-west winds, higher temperature, rising barometer, and cloudy or clearing weather.

*Over New-England and the Middle States, stationary or falling barometer, increasing cloudiness, somewhat higher temperature, and south-east to south-west winds.*

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's pharmacy:

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| 3 A. M. | 63° | 62° | 3:30 P. M. | 79° | 81° |
| 6 A. | 62° | 60° | 6 P. M. | 72° | 76° |
| 9 A. M. | 65° | 64° | 9 P. M. | 68° | 71° |
| 12 M. | 72° | 72° | 12 P. M. | 65° | 67° |

Average temperature yesterday.....69½°

Average temperature for corresponding date last year.....68¼°

### LARGE DONATIONS FOR CHARITABLE OBJECTS.

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—The will of the late Mrs. Sarah L. King, of Taunton, Mass., devises the following for charitable institutions:

To the American Unitarian Association, located in Boston, for the support of preachers in weak Unitarian societies in New-England and the Western States, $10,000; to the Boston Female Orphan Asylum and the Old Ladies' Home of Taunton, $5,000 each; also to the latter, two lots of land in Taunton. To the Unitarian Society in Taunton worshiping in the stone meeting-house, to be expended in the care of said building and the grounds adjacent, $10,000, and to Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, $20,000. Private legacies exceeding $10,000 are also bequeathed. The estate is estimated at from $300,000 to $400,000.

### THE ALABAMA RAILROAD ACCIDENT—DEATH OF A CLERGYMAN.

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Sept. 25.—A telegram from the scene of the railroad disaster in Alabama brings intelligence of the instant death of Rev. N. E. Willis, of this town, who, with his wife and only son, were on their way to Marion, Ala., where he has been located as agent of the American Missionary Association for the past year. His wife was seriously injured. His son escaped. Mr. Willis was a short time since teacher in one of the Boston schools, and was a man of fine talents.

### THE FALL RIVER DISASTER.

EVIDENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH—STATEMENTS BY OTHER WITNESSES.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 25.—The jury of inquest met at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, as per adjournment. Alderman Liscomb, Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, concluded his testimony. He testified that he had examined the box at the Granite Mill; there had been three alarms rung from that box; four boxes were pulled on account of this fire; was positive box 72 struck first; remained in his office on account of interference with the alarm until he heard box 74 strike two rounds; from what he could learn aside from the interference in striking the alarm was all right.

Rachael Ridings and Mary Ashworth were the next witnesses. They disclosed nothing new or interesting.

Thomas Walker, slasher-tender in Granite Mill No. 1, testified as follows: I was at work last Saturday morning; arrived at the mill at 6:25 A. M.; was at my machine when the mill started; got machine all ready for starting; looked at the clock at the mill, which was ten minutes of seven; started my machine, and as I had hold of the handle Mr. Turner, a slasher-tender, came into the room and said the mill was on fire; I ran for my clothes, and left my machine running, put on my clothes, and ran to the tower. When I got to the tower door, the help was all round there, both girls and men. Some one opened the door, smoke came in very thick, and I could see a blaze right on the stairs. The door was closed again. I ran to the north end, where rope-bandings were stored. As I was going, met Thomas Gibson and another man, unknown, with a coil of rim band; I said to Gibson: "That is too small, you ought to have taken a coil of that thick rope;" I went and got a coil of scroll band; then I made for the south end again; when I got as far as the slashers I saw fire coming through the belt holes, and immediately the room was filled with smoke; could not see any one in the room then except Mr. Keavney and myself. The smoke was very thick; said to Keavney, "We will have to get out of here." Witness follows with a description of his escape through the skylight, and descent to the ground by ropes, and the failure of Keavney to gain the roof, through exhaustion, and continues: It was not possible for me to go down the lower stairs when I opened the lower door; did not see or hear McCreery in the sixth story; the step-ladder was about seven feet high; when Keavney stood on it his chin came to the edge of the window in the roof; there was a longer ladder at the elevator, but there was so much fire there he did not think he could have procured it; should think not more than three minutes elapsed from the time we got the alarm of fire to the time I was on the roof; there was one staircase and two elevators in the sixth story; the elevators could not be worked unless the engine was running.

Moses G. Gray, living in Linden street, testified that the first alarm was struck at five minutes to 7.

George H. Kelley, foreman of the Reindeer Hook and Ladder Company, testified as to the time the first alarm was struck, which agreed with the testimony of many other witnesses in placing the time at four or five minutes to 7. He stated that it seemed impossible to him, if they had arrived as the fire, to have saved any life with the ladders. He considers the extension ladders in use in this department inefficient, and had notified the proper authorities of this fact. He thought if the ladders had been spliced to a sufficient length to reach the sixth story, their own weight would have been as much as they would bear. He has often spoken to the Board of Engineers of this, telling them that the department had no ladders that would reach higher than a four-story building, and be serviceable.

James Sutcliffe, assistant foreman of the Reindeer Hook and Ladder Company, testified substantially the same as Foreman Kelley.

Col. Thomas J. Borden was the next witness called: He testified to hearing the alarm, but could not state the precise time. When he arrived at the fire all jumping from the windows had ceased, and the fire was well under way. From that time until about 10 o'clock, he rendered what assistance he could in extinguishing the fire; saw the Chief Engineer but once, and then just passed him; had no opportunity of noticing whether he was actively engaged in attending to the fire; thought this investigation referred to the loss of life, and not to the efficiency of the Fire Department; thought the entire department was doing its best. Was formerly Chief Engineer of the department. Was not asked to take charge last Saturday morning. Considered in my judgment the department was in good working order. Did not give or send advice to the chief. Did not give any orders; when he saw where anything could be done he made suggestions to the highest one in authority near him; considered that the department was well handled at this fire; as to the department being able to save life it would depend on two things, viz.: whether there was sufficient time after it was ascertained that there were people in the mill to the moment all had jumped out, or whether there were windows where the firemen could enter and not be suffocated or driven back by the thick smoke; thought if ladders had been spliced to a sufficient length to reach the sixth story they could not have been raised; agreed with the other witnesses that if the extension ladder had been extended to its utmost it would not be safe for more than one or two persons to go on at a time; thought that every mill should have stationary ladders at the outside, by which people could escape from the highest windows; thought it the mill had had a stairway at each end all would have escaped; thought it not surprising that there was no water in the standpipes for three or four minutes after the hose was tried; the small pump was tried, and it would take three or four minutes for this pump to have filled the large quantity of pipe; the large pump was broken by somebody trying to start it who did not know how.

Mr. Borden, in speaking of the elevator, said that it could have been sent down even if the engine had stopped, by cutting the belt, but it would not have been safe for any one to descend on it, as it would go down with great force, but those in the sixth story could have availed themselves of the large rope attached to the elevator.

The jury adjourned until 9:15 o'clock Saturday forenoon.

### THE STATE FAIR AT LEWISTON, ME.—TROTTING.

LEWISTON, Me., Sept. 25.—The closing exercises of the State Fair occurred to-day, and the attendance, though not so large as yesterday, was full. In the fornoon the "baby show" took place, there being seventeen entries. The successful contestants were: Mrs. J. M. Bidwell, of Mount Vernon, first; Mrs. L. B. Blake, of New-Gloucester, second; and Mrs. S. D. Wakefield, of Lewiston, third. The crowd in the ball during the exhibition was great.

At the park, this afternoon, the races postponed from yesterday were completed. The 2:37 race was won, after eight heats, by A. M. Reed's stallion Knox Boy; best time, 2:34. The 2:22 race was won by Honest Harry, after six heats; best time, 2:35½. The State Sweepstakes was won in three straight heats by Messenger Knox; best time 2:33½. The first premium for gentlemen's driving horses was taken by G. W. Hawke's Col. De Witt. The four-year olds purse was won by A. C. Marston's Count; best time 2:51½.

The fair has been a decided success, and it is understood to have freed the State society from a weight of indebtedness.

### THE FRIGATE BROOKLYN ASHORE AND OFF AGAIN.

KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 24.—As the fleet under Admiral Mullany was getting under way for New-Orleans on Tuesday, the frigate Brooklyn ran ashore in the south-west channel. It was at first feared that she would be obliged to unship her guns before she could be got off, but by the united efforts of the Wachusett, Gettysburg, Geranium, Arbutus, and the revenue cutter William H. Seward, she was hauled off the reef last night.

### THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANCHESTER, N. H.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Sept. 25.—The four Republican Aldermen absented themselves last night from the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to prevent the four Democratic Aldermen and the Mayor from electing Moderators, Selectmen, and Ward Clerks for the various wards as provided for in the late act of the Legislature redistricting this city. It is probable, however, that existing differences will be adjusted harmoniously.

## LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

### THE POSTAL CONGRESS.

UNIFORMITY IN POSTAGE—ITS EFFECT ON OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

BERNE, Sept. 25.—The United States having joined the Postal Union, its delegates in the International Congress are enabled to introduce a uniform rate of postage for the whole territory embraced by the union. Should England refuse to join the union, Germans and American vessels will carry the mails to and from the United States.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE FREE-MASONS—RELAPSE OF MR. LAIRD—AMNESTY.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the Grand Mastership of the Order of Free-masons.

Mr. Laird has had a relapse of his recent illness, and his relatives have been summoned to his bedside.

The officers of the Amnesty Association at Dublin say they have not been advised of the intended release of political convicts.

The weather throughout England to-day is fair.

### FRANCE.

M. THIERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ISERE—POPULAR ENTHUSIASM.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Ex-President Thiers arrived yesterday at Vizille in the Department of Isere. He was warmly received by the citizens and made a speech, in the course of which he expressed his conviction that the Republic would ultimately be founded, and he hoped, with the assistance of M. Casimir-Perier and other friends, to contribute to that grand result.

GAMBETTA ON A SPEECH-MAKING TOUR.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—M. Gambetta is announced to deliver political speeches at various places in the Southern Department.

### SPAIN.

A LETTER OF SYMPATHY TO DON CARLOS FROM THE CZAR

# THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

*VOICE OF THE PRESS.*

HEARTY COMMENDATIONS OF THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION.

As far as they have yet reached us the Republican newspapers of the State greet with much enthusiasm the results of the Republican State Convention at Utica on Wednesday. They accept and indorse the full ticket and the platform, and unite in predicting that it is the ticket that is to win. We present below brief extracts from the utterances of interior Republican papers received at this office by yesterday's mails:

THE PARTY RENEWS ITS YOUTH.

*From the Utica Herald.*

The convention represented not a party whose mission is ended, but one engaged in important duties and charged with grave responsibilities. It seemed to be aroused to new energies by the fresh blood shed in the Southern States, and to step forward to the added labors with the courage and determination which put an end to the great war. The Republican Party renews its youth. It is inspired again by the spirit of 1856 and 1860, and the vow it records is that the old battle of equal rights and a Union wholly free shall be fought out by the ballot, and that any attempt at resistance to law and the Government shall be crushed out absolutely and at once.

NO UNCERTAIN SOUND.

*From the Rochester Democrat.*

The Republican Party may well felicitate itself and confidently appeal to the people upon the work which has been accomplished at Utica. Never has a convention assembled in the Empire State stronger in the material of which it was composed, nor one animated by loftier purposes, than that which yesterday affirmed the principles of Republicanism and presented for the consideration of the electors the ticket headed by John A. Dix. It was remarkable for the harmony which characterized its deliberations, and this not the harmony of lukewarmness or of despair, for there was among all the delegates an abiding conviction that victory at the polls would crown their efforts. The platform is a brave, manly enunciation of vital principles. Upon the Southern outrages and upon financial topics it is particularly explicit and outspoken. There is no weak silence like that exhibited by the Democratic Party—the silence of the platform having rightful interpretation, however, in the mouths of Democracy attending the blatant demagogism of Bourbon orators, denouncing the President as a usurper in one breath and apologizing for banded revolutionists in the next. Republicans say that the laws must be obeyed by all citizens, and that their mandate be enforced by the States if possible, and this failing, by the General Government. This is the doctrine of peace, corresponding with the civil rights of every citizen under the flag. This declaration, with the utterances in favor of the preservation of the public credit unimpaired, the payment of our debts in coin, and the adoption of immediate measures in the direction of specie payments, are the basis features of the Republican platform. They are indeed cognate and subordinate formations, to which we shall hereafter allude; but these alone are inspiriting war cries for the campaign, and sound planks upon which to stand. Ticket and platform! We unhesitatingly commit them to the people for their verdict, confident in the character of our candidates, and confident in the conquering power of our principles. If to deserve success is to achieve it the edict of triumph is already registered.

A WORK TO BE INDORSED WITH VICTORY.

*From the Elmira Advertiser.*

No State convention ever gathered together under more cheering circumstances or with greater harmony. For months the demand of public opinion has been manifest for the renomination of Gov. Dix, and the convention met this demand with a unanimity and heartiness which are worthy of all praise. With one voice and by acclamation he is again put in the field as the standard-bearer of the Republican Party in the State, and he will, as of old, lead it to certain victory. With the same unanimous verdict of well done, good and faithful servant, with which the convention presented Gov. Dix, it hailed as his associates on the ticket the name of the gallant soldier John C. Robinson. By a majority quite as decisive, if not so large as before, they will carry the State, and be returned for another term to the places they now so worthily fill. The renomination of Alexander Barclay for Canal Commissioner, and Thomas Kirkpatrick for Inspector of State Prisons, is a well-deserved compliment to both those gentlemen. They have been good officers, Mr. Kirkpatrick being by all odds, and by common consent, the best Prison Inspector the State ever had. For Judge of the Court of Appeals everybody knows that Alexander S. Johnson is without a peer. If there is any virtue in fitness and merit his calling and election is certain. Last, but not least, the appointment of Ex-Gov. Edwin D. Morgan to the Chairmanship of the State Committee, shows that there is to be no "tom-foolery" about this canvass. When he puts his hand to the wheel it means success. Right heartily do we welcome him to this post of responsibility and duty. The State Convention has done well. It could not have done better. Its work will be indorsed with victory.

AN INVINCIBLE TICKET.

*From the Troy Times.*

We regard the ticket as invincible, and expect, on the day after the election in November next, to record its triumph by a very large majority. The platform and address adopted are as unexceptionable as the nominations. On all important matters of State and national policy they are sound and explicit. There is no shuffling, no evasion in regard to any question that properly comes within the domain of political action at the present juncture.

PLATFORM AND CANDIDATES ALL RIGHT.

*From the Newburg Journal.*

The resolutions fully meet the general expectation, omitting nothing that would have been desirable and containing no questionable enunciation. The renomination of the old ticket will meet the cordial approval of the party, and we have no doubt that it will in November receive the indorsement of a large majority of the voters of the State. The interests of the State have for two years been cared for by Dix, Robinson, and their associates in a manner which is highly satisfactory. With this record before them the Republican masses of the State were pervaded by a sentiment which demanded that the public servants who had shown themselves so faithful should be retained at their posts for another term. Yielding hearty and cheerful obedience to this demand of their constituents, the Republican State Convention, without the formality of a vote and by acclamation, have again placed the standard of the party in the hands of Dix and Robinson. That it will be once more borne to victory there is no doubt.

THE STRONGEST CANDIDATE.

*From the Troy Whig.*

No greater praise can be bestowed upon the ticket which we place at the head of our columns this morning than the united and harmonious action of the Convention; and as the record of the nominees is already before the people most conspicuously, in the official action of the gentlemen themselves, we need not speak of them in detail. If Gen. Dix is not the strongest candidate that could be offered to the people of the Empire State for the next Governor, the Republicans are wonderfully mistaken, and our own judgment is greatly at fault. Of the gentlemen associated on the Republican ticket with Gov. Dix, it is enough for us to say that they deserve to be again placed with the distinguished head, to stand or fall with him. But neither he nor they will fall. The word is victory.

TWO YEARS' FAITHFUL SERVICE.

*From the Albany Express.*

The candidates are too well known to need any introduction to our readers. They have served the State faithfully for two years, and will continue in office two years longer.

A HARMONIOUS CONVENTION.

*From the Binghamton Times.*

With a spirit of harmony almost unknown in the history of political conventions in this or in any other State, it has nominated the old ticket by acclamation, and the general sentiment of the Republican Party throughout the State will be to echo the unanimous voice of the convention. During the past two years the Republican Party of this State has carried on a work of reform which redounds lasting credit to its name. To these gentlemen who were yesterday renominated at Utica the principal credit of this work belongs, and to them more than to any one else should it be intrusted to continue the work so well begun. Were other men to continue it, the results would of necessity be inferior to those which Dix, Robinson, and the other nominees will work out.

UNRESERVED APPROBATION OF THE TICKET.

*From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.*

As a whole, the ticket which we joyfully place at the head of our columns to-day commands the unreserved approbation, as it will have the cordial united support, not only of the leading men and journals of the Republican Party, but of the rank and file as well. The Utica Convention fulfilled its mission perfectly. The declaration of principles it put forth is briefly discussed in another article. They are such principles as any political party might be proud to own. They are such principles as the people of New-York will do well to maintain. The candidates are worthy of the principles. Success is the assured reward of an honest united effort to elect them.

THE KEY-NOTE OF VICTORY.

*From the Albany Journal.*

The Republican Convention has struck the key-note of victory. No one could look upon its unanimity, earnestness, and enthusiasm without feeling that it had the glowing inspiration of coming triumph. Such a convention has seldom been seen in our history—a convention of representative men from every district of the State, with not a single unconnected note, not a jarring note of discord, not a shade of a difference and with every name upon the ticket nominated by acclamation. The reason of this extraordinary harmony and zeal was plain. The people had spoken for the convention and the convention spoke for the people.

NAMES TO BE PROUD OF.

*From the Rochester Express.*

The ticket at the head of these columns today, nominated by acclamation and amid great enthusiasm at Utica yesterday, is one of which every citizen of the Empire State should be proud. These names represent not honorable and distinguished citizens only, nor only the choice of a great party for the leading executive and judicial offices of the State, but additional to these merits, of great importance in themselves, they stand for an administration whose two years' record is fresh in our annals and illustrious with honor.

CHARACTER OF THE CONVENTION.

*From the Ithaca Journal.*

We attended the convention, and can truly say that in all our political experience we never saw a body of men, convened for the selection of candidates to be presented to the people for their suffrages, who were animated by a like unanimity, or who entertained equal assurances of success. With a ticket nominated by acclamation, with a platform of principles which commends itself to the electors, with a belief in the justice and integrity of their cause, the Republican Party of New-York will sweep the State in November.

WORK TO BE DONE, OF COURSE,

*From the Syracuse Standard.*

The Republicans, met in State Convention at Utica yesterday, did a splendid day's work. We have never witnessed a more harmonious and enthusiastic gathering of representative men. It was but a short time in session, but that time was well and profitably spent. It nominated a ticket which cannot fail to win, if our friends throughout the State go to work and do their duty. Our only danger lies in overestimating our own strength and in underestimating that of our opponents, who are prepared to work as they seldom have worked before.

A DESERVED RECOGNITION.

*From the Syracuse Journal.*

One of the grandest tributes which has ever been paid to an Administration was rendered yesterday, by the Republican State Convention, when it renominated the whole of the State ticket by acclamation. It was such a spontaneous expression of the people's appreciation of official integrity and efficiency as has rarely, if ever, been witnessed. It was the voice of the multitude commending honesty and worth in high places. And, moreover, it was in every way deserved.

ONE FOR DEFEAT, ONE FOR VICTORY.

*From the Binghamton Republican.*

The Democratic ticket was put up to be defeated and the Republican ticket to be elected, and the verdict of the people will be so recorded.

EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY.

*From the Lyons Republican.*

With a ticket such as was nominated yesterday, and with such a declaration of principles as is embodied in the platform adopted by the convention, there is no fear for the success of the Republican Party at the polls this Fall. Harmony prevails in its ranks, and it presents a solid phalanx against the enemy. Ticket and platform are alike unexceptionable, and only the most inexcusable blundering on our side can fail of giving us the State in November by a majority of at least 30,000.

THE PEOPLE TRUST THE CANDIDATES.

*From the Buffalo Express.*

The ticket has won before and will win again, because the people know, trust, and honor the men at the head of it. We say that more striking testimony to the character and services of a Governor and his Administration was never given than that unwillingly given by the late Democratic Convention at Syracuse. The official record of our noble Governor was so clear and satisfactory, and his character so irreproachable, that a convention of his enemies could not find one flaw to pick in either. The simple fact is, there never was a more popular and successful Administration in this State than that of Gov. Dix, and his opponents know it.

CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATURE.

*From the Poughkeepsie Eagle.*

The Republican candidates have proved to be faithful and honorable officers, and we are mistaken if they do not receive the emphatic indorsement of the people. It will not do to be too confident, for something is always to be done to secure success, but if the Republican electors will attend to their local organization, place strong and trustworthy men in the field for Congress, the Legislature, and other offices, and will make an effort worthy of the time and the questions at stake, a certain and gratifying victory is before them.

THE TICKET A STRONG ONE.

*From the Albany Express.*

The ticket is a strong one, and will commend itself to the people. We can see no reason why it should not have from 20,000 to 30,000 majority in the State.

*THE PROPAGATION OF SHAD.*

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

Mr. Frederick Mather seeks for information through your columns as to the Chinese methods of fish culture. I can only repeat my advice, as conveyed in your issue of Sept. 10—visit China and find out. The Chinese for forty centuries have studied the subject, therefore it is fair to assume they have had a wide experience, and can teach even our own people, who have an extraordinary concern about their own knowledge and sources of information.

I had the honor to represent the United States at three different ports on the Yang-tse-Kiang during a period of nearly eight years. On this great river, 3,000 miles long, are found thousands of nurseries devoted to the artificial production of fish. The river is only open for trade with the treaty powers at Chin Tsing, Kin Kian, and Honkow, but I have explored the river as far as Yochow and the Yung-Tsing Lake, the great lake of the Empire. The Chinese are pre-eminently a fish-eating people, and when you consider that the population is estimated by some geographers at 500,000,000 souls, imagine the vast demand for fish which can only be supplied by artificials means. The shad is called by the Chinese "Sam-li;" it is of superior flavor and great size. I can only repeat the information given me on the great river, that "they are produced by artificial means and conveyed in 'congs,' large vessels made of coarse earthenware, to all parts of the Empire."

The dense population of China has stimulated human ingenuity to the highest degree so as to provide means of subsistence. Take the subject of artificial incubation for instance. How little we know of it in this country, although we assume that we know everything. The travelers in China may see in every village flocks of tiny chickens, ducks, and geese, say 500 at a time, led by a mere boy with a little wand of the familiar bamboo, and all hatched by the artificial process! As a natural sequence of this system, chickens are very cheap, and you can purchase from five to ten good fowls for 1,000 copper cash, say $1 gold! Eggs are equally cheap, because the people possess secrets to increase the fecundity of the birds, and you can buy, even in the cities, five eggs for the equivalent of our cent!

Our people are profoundly ignorant about the resources of this wonderful country, only twenty days' sail from San Francisco by a swift steamer. An illustration: The *Intermediate Geography*, bearing the imprint of the Appletons, A. D. 1874, and selected by the Board of Education for the City of New-York as a text-book, has a picture on page No. 72, "Marketing in Pekin," a rat-catcher bringing his night's catch to the rat merchant! I have visited every street in the business portion of Peking, (not "Pekin,") and never saw a rat exposed for sale. Why should such trash be offered when fish, eggs, and poultry are so cheap? This same *Intermediate Geography* gravely informs the children of the public schools that "Canton is the commercial emporium of China." The opening of the great river, Yang-tse-Kiang, has so diverted trade from this once-famous city that, commercially speaking, it is only a third-rate port. Honkow, 700 miles up the Yang-tse-Kiang, has a larger volume of trade. If the compiler had studied the annual report of the Imperial Maritime Customs of China, he would not have made so gross an error.

Perhaps, however, I weary your readers with these details. The subject is a fruitful one, and would fill a heavy tome.

E. H. COLTON-SALTER,
Ex-United States Consul, Honkow, China.
NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1874.

*A LARGE AND LONG MORTGAGE.*

A mortgage has lately been placed in the Recorder's office, in Reading, Penn., for record, given by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company for the immense sum of $30,000,000. Mr. E. G. Fisher, the clerk in the office, has completed his task in recording this instrument after having been engaged writing word after word for twenty-three days. It comprises 257 pages of printed matter, and occupies in the Mortgage Book 158 pages, or 8,058 lines, which a man who has computed it says, if extended in a straight line, would equal one and one-seventh miles.

*ANOTHER "ROMANTIC" MARRIAGE.*

Eastern papers are speaking of a marriage which is to take place in one of the villages in Rockingham County, N. H., next Wednesday. The bridegroom left Portsmouth some twenty years ago, while quite a young man, for California, and finally located in one of the extreme frontier States, where he has accumulated a fortune. Some of his Eastern acquaintances hearing of his good success, and learning that he remained single, sportively wrote to him and suggested the name of a lady friend as a good person for a wife. The frontiersman replied, asking for a photograph of the fair one, which was forwarded. A short correspondence sprang up, and a day or two since the gentleman came East for the first time for more than twenty years; was introduced to the lady in question, and became pleased with her. She also liked him, and next Wednesday they are to be married, and will leave for his home in the West.

# THE TURF.

*TROTTING.*

LAST DAY OF THE PROSPECT PARK FALL MEETING — KITTY D., ARTHUR, AND FLEETY GOLDDUST THE WINNERS.

The Fall meeting of the Prospect Park Fair Ground Association terminated yesterday in a very successful manner. A fine day for the sport could not have been desired, and as the great race of the meeting was to be decided, the attendance at the course was much larger than any of the preceding days. The sport of the day began with the 2:27 purse, which was postponed from the preceding day in consequence of darkness coming on. Kitty D. and Mystic had each won two heats, and the speculation on the deciding heat was heavy. Those who had got their money in the pool-box on the wrong horses endeavored to place themselves right. Kitty D. sold the favorite against the field at $50 to $40, and she won the deciding heat after a close contest.

SUMMARY.

PROSPECT PARK FAIR GROUNDS, LONG ISLAND.—Thursday and Friday, Sept. 24 and 25; purse $1,000, for horses that had never beaten 2:27; mile heats, best three in five, in harness—$550 to first, $350 to second, and $100 to third horse.

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| A. Falk's b. m. Kitty D. | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| J. H. Phillips' b. g. Mystic | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| W. W. Comee's b. g. Comee | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| G. N. Ferguson's br. g. Frank Ferguson | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| W. E. Weeks' gr. g. Tanner Boy | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| W. H. Crawford's b. m. Annie Collins | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | dr. |
| D. Mace's br. g. Vanity Fair | dr. | | | | |

TIME.

| | Quarter. | Half. | Mile. |
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| First heat | 37½ | 1:12 | 2:27 |
| Second heat | 36½ | 1:12 | 2:25¾ |
| Third heat | 36¾ | 1:12¾ | 2:27½ |
| Fourth heat | 38 | 1:13¼ | 2:27½ |
| Fifth heat | 36 | 1:11½ | 2:27¼ |

THE 2:45 PURSE.

The first regular event was the purse of $600 for horses that had never beaten 2:45, in which there were twenty entries, and nine of them answered the call of the Judges, viz.: D. Mace's blk. g. Arthur; H. Woodruff's b. g. Falmouth Boy; G. D. Harris' b. m. Linnie Case; John Moore's b. m. Effie Dean; John Murphy's b. g. Matt. Tanner; W. H. Whipple's b. m. Adelaide; F. J. Nodine's b. m. Volunteer Maid; J. H. Phillips' br. s. Compeer, and C. S. Green's r. m. Tidy. Of these Falmouth Boy and Arthur alternated as favorites, with Adelaide as third choice. After the first score Tidy was withdrawn, by consent of the judges. The first heat was won by Falmouth Boy, who took the lead at the start and was never headed. The second heat was closely contested, and Arthur forced Falmouth Boy to trot at his utmost speed, the latter winning in 2:29½. The next heat Falmouth Boy broke badly, and became very tired, and this gave Arthur the race, as the latter won the next three heats and the race, thus scoring his third victory during the meeting, proving himself a stout trotter and a promising candidate for the big purses next season.

SUMMARY.

PROSPECT PARK FAIR GROUNDS.—Fourth day of the Fall meeting, Friday, Sept. 25. Purse of $600 for horses that had never beaten 2:45, mile heats, best three in five, in harness; $350 to first horse, $150 to second, and $100 to third.

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| D. Mace's blk. g. Arthur | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hiram Woodruff's b. g. Falmouth Boy | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| G. D. Harris' b. m. Linnie Case | 2 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2 |
| John Moore's b. m. Effie Dean | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| John Murphy's b. g. Matt. Tanner | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| W. H. Whipple's b. m. Adelaide | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| F. J. Nodine's b. m. Volunteer Maid | 8 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| J. H. Phillips' br. s. Compeer | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| C. S. Green's r. m. Tidy | dr. | | | | |

TIME.

| | Quarter. | Half. | Mile. |
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| First heat | 37½ | 1:14 | 2:32¼ |
| Second heat | 37 | 1:12¾ | 2:29½ |
| Third heat | 39¼ | 1:15¾ | 2:35½ |
| Fourth heat | 37½ | 1:15¼ | 2:33¼ |
| Fifth heat | 38¼ | 1:15½ | 2:34½ |

THE 2:20 PURSE.

The great race of the day was now called, it being the purse of $2,000 for the 2:20 horses, in which there were three contestants—Charles S. Green's gr. m. Fleety Golddust, Ben Mason's b. g. Sensation, and A. Goldsmith's b. m. Huntress. The knowing ones concentrated on Sensation, as it was known that the master reinsman, Dan Mace, was to drive; but Fleety Goldddust had proved herself so game and fast during the season that she had many supporters. The betting was as follows:

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| Sensation | $200 | $200 | $170 |
| Fleety Goldddust | 70 | 125 | 100 |
| Huntress | 41 | 70 | 60 |
| Total | $311 | $395 | $330 |

The contest proved to be a remarkable one, and occasioned the utmost enthusiasm during its progress. In the third heat fourth he the Green and Doble, the drivers of Fleety Goldddust and Huntress, were fined $25 each for not appearing promptly when the bell rang, a punishment that brought them to time for the succeeding heat. The particulars of the contest are given below:

*First Heat.*—After four false attempts they received the word, with Fleety Goldddust leading half a length, Sensation second, the same distance before Huntress. As they went round the turn Fleety Goldddust got away two lengths, which she speedily increased to three lengths. When they reached the quarter pole Fleety Goldddust was showing the way by five lengths, Sensation second, three lengths in advance of Huntress. In this manner they journeyed along the backstretch, and Huntress fell further behind, the half-mile pole in 1:11 there was five lengths between each. As they came round the lower turn Mace urged Sensation, and he closed to within three lengths of Fleety, while Huntress fell away a dozen lengths behind. Thus they passed the three-quarter pole; but coming into the homestretch, Sensation made a great effort, but Fleety had plenty of speed left, and won the heat by a length and a half in 2:23—Huntress just saving her distance.

*Second Heat.*—They received the "go" on the third trial, and Fleety Goldddust was leading a length and a half. Sensation second, and Huntress third. Going round the turn Huntress left her feet and fell back four lengths in the rear. They passed the quarter-pole in 36¾ seconds, and Fleety was a length and a half in advance of Sensation, who was four lengths in front of Huntress. Going along the backstretch Sensation got a little closer to Fleety, and Huntress was six lengths behind. Approaching the half-mile pole Fleety outfooted Sensation, and when they passed that point in 1:09¾ she was leading her competitor two lengths, who left her under the pressure. As they came round the lower turn Sensation closed rapidly, and finally lapped Fleety, and then crept up to her neck. When they passed the three-quarter pole Fleety showed a neck in front of Sensation, and Huntress about seventy-five yards behind. A fine struggle ensued down the homestretch, but Fleety kept to the front, and won the heat by a length in 2:23. Huntress about fifteen length's behind.

*Third Heat.*—After scoring three times they were sent away, with Huntress in the lead half a length, Sensation second, a neck ahead of Goldddust. On rounding the turn, Fleety Goldddust having the inside, shot to

# NEW PUBLICATIONS.

## CHATEAUBRIAND'S MEMOIRS.

SOUVENIRS D'ENFANCE ET DE JEUNESSE DE CHATEAUBRIAND. MANUSCRIT DE 1826. Suivi d'Une étude par CHARLES LENORMANT, Membre de l'Institut. Paris: MICHEL LEVY, Bibliothèque Contemporaine. New-York: T. W. CHRISTERN.

We fear that Chateaubriand, illustrious once both in politics and literature, can gain little by having the gong of notoriety beaten afresh about his name, and that a book like the above is much more likely to be injurious to his fame than otherwise. It contains the original manuscript of the three first books of the memoirs of his life, (*Mémoires d'outre tombe*,) as he began to write them after his return from the Holy Land, as early as 1809. The completed work was published only in 1849, even then a trifle too soon, and during the interval the text went through a process of revision, correction, and change which was not altogether calculated to improve its condition. The publisher of the *Souvenirs d'enfance et de jeunesse* thinks now that he will promote the fame of the great writer by giving the first text to the public. He is actuated by a deep sense of admiration, and trusts that the first and natural glow of Chateaubriand's genius will dispel some of the shades that have gathered around his later works. No doubt the perusal of these fresh pages saved by Mr. Lenormant, and the comparison of their contents with the text heretofore known, will be both curious and instructive, but whether it will be to the advantage of the writer is another question. The original manuscript of a small portion of his memoirs, however superior to the subsequent publication, is not likely to affect the judgment passed on Chateaubriand as a writer and a man. It will only tend to prove that at the end of his career the illustrious author of the *Génie du Christianisme*, the *Martyrs*, and other works, did not escape the law of decline inherent to the highest human faculties.

Whether such evidence is particularly needed or desirable in the case, is not quite clear. If the case were ours, we would rather do without it.

On comparing the text dated 1826 with the edition of 1849, some material differences meet the eye at a first glance. The old manuscript is entitled, *Mémoires de ma Vie*, which Chateaubriand afterward changed into *Mémoires d'Outre-tombe*. The former is divided into books, the latter into chapters. The three books contained in the above "Souvenirs" occupy in the edition of 1849 209 pages, divided into thirty chapters of unequal length, and scarcely a sentence, scarcely a word of the text of 1826 is to be found in the first twenty-six pages of the edition of 1849. In a literary point of view the earlier text is far superior to the other. Its style is more natural. The idea and the expression move in harmony, without strain or effort. They are free from that exuberance of fancy which is repugnant to good taste, and yet so often found in Chateaubriand's writings.

The reader will be able to judge of the difference between the two texts by an example. In the manuscript of 1826, describing his father, the author says: "My father was tall and tough; he had an aquiline nose, blanched lips, little blue eyes. I never saw a glance like his; when he was angry flames really flashed from his eyes." This passage takes, in the edition of 1849, the following proportions: "M. De Chateaubriand was tall and tough; his nose was aquiline, his lips thin and pale, his eyes deep-sunk, little, and of a greenish blue, like those of lions or barbarians of old. I never saw a glance like his; when anger was aroused in them, the fiery eye-ball seemed to go off and to hit you like a bullet." The lions and barbarians here cut a strange figure, and the eye-ball that goes off and hits you like a bullet is certainly a most remarkable piece of description. Again, speaking of his birth, he says in the manuscript of 1826: "In the order by birth I was the last of these unfortunate ones," referring to his brother and sisters. This afterward became: "I was the last of these ten children. It is likely that my four sisters were indebted for their existence to my father's desire to perpetuate his name by the arrival of a second boy. I resisted; I had a dislike for life." This resistance for years to his father's wish, his unwillingness to be born, is really something unique. We do not remember to have read of a similar occurence. It may not be without some significance in Chateaubriand's earthly career, and goes some way, perhaps, toward explaining why he was so often found in the ranks of opposition. For further illustrations we refer the reader to the text itself. He will, without difficulty, see how unfavorably old age reflects itself on Chateaubriand's memoirs, how the fits of ill-humor increase, and how much archaic language, the abuse of odd and obsolete words, and a mania for technical terms prevail over common sense and good taste.

Chateaubriand had intended not to have his memoirs published till after his death, as the words d'outre-tombe imply. Circumstances decided otherwise. The manuscript was sold under pressure of pecuniary embarrassments, and he could not prevent the speculators to whom he "had mortgaged his tomb" from an ill-chosen and untimely venture. France was then rioting in intense political excitement and strife. Many of the men to whom Chateaubriand deals out an unpalatable measure of criticism were actively engaged in it; others, though out of the field, were still alive. The memoirs fell among them like a firebrand, and aroused a storm of anger and contumely against their author. If it overtook him, unforeseen and by surprise, he must have known little of human nature, and still less of the peculiar nature of his countrymen.

Vanity is frequently as common with eminent men as with women, they would often rather be spoken ill of than not to be spoken of at all. The *da mihi nesciri* of Christian humility is not of their prayer, and the excuses they find for covering their motives and justifying their purpose are sometimes quite amusing. Chateaubriand shows all the little weaknesses of memoir writers. The principal reason he gives for undertaking to write an autobiography is that, having been a public man, he cannot help being the subject of many biographical inquests, and that he considers himself more able to give a correct account of himself than either his friends or his enemies can, or the crowd of contemporary gossip-mongers.

"I have achieved literary success," he says; "I attacked all the errors of my time; I unmasked men, and damaged a number of interests; I therefore must have arraigned against me the double phalanx of literary and political enemies. They will not fail to paint me after their fashion, and, indeed, they already have set to work. In an age when the greatest crimes have aroused the most violent hatreds; in an age of corruption, when the executioners are interested in blackening their victims, when the coarsest calumnies are launched with the greatest flimsiness, every man who has played a part in society should, for the defense of his memory, leave a monument by which he can be judged." Unfortunately, this monument too often is like the tombstones in cemeteries, nothing is inscribed on them but a general apology of an unblemished life or undervalued genius.

The too frequent use of the first person is always fatiguing and disagreeable, and most men fail in the art of properly speaking of themselves. Chateaubriand cannot be said to have succeeded in it. Great as was his natural gifts and acquired qualities, he has marred them by a pride too frequently offensive to the pride of others. He bestows too much care in bringing out his pets under the most favorable light; the shades in his pictures seem purposely thrown on objects and persons distasteful to him. A lover of justice, he was unable to balance his scales evenly. He was too impulsive, too deep feeling a man not to be easily prejudiced. His powerful fancy supplied too many rich and deceptive colors to his passion, and though his honesty and accuracy are as little to be doubted as his imagination, he apparently uses them all for the sake of controvertible opinions, glowing descriptions, and questionable literary effects. His fondness for certain figures of speech, especially antithesis, is somewhat akin to Hugo's folly, and there is in his style and attitude something artificial, which afforded several caustic critics many an opportunity of abusing him. Some time before his death he had opportunities to see himself in the French *Punch* under the figure of a wide-spread willow-tree, weeping majestically, and alone, over his own tomb.

In a letter written from Rome to M. Joubert, Chateaubriand refers to the intention and object of his memoirs, as follows: "My only happiness is to catch a few hours and devote them to a work which alone affords any alleviation to my troubles; these are the memoirs of my life. * * * Do not feel anxious; they shall not take the shape of confessions painful to my friends. If I am to be something hereafter, my friends also shall have in them a name as fair as respectable. I will not lay open to posterity the details of my shortcomings; I will say of myself only what is proper, what becomes my dignity and the elevation of my heart. The world ought to be presented only with pictures of what is beautiful. It is not to be false to discover in one's life those things only which are calculated to prompt in our fellows noble and generous feelings. I do not mean to say that I have something to conceal, no; I have not caused the dismissal of a servant girl for a stolen ribbon, neither have I forsaken a dying friend in the street, nor dishonored the woman who took me in, nor placed my illegitimate offspring in the foundling hospital, (allusion to J. J. Rousseau's confessions,) but I have had my weaknesses, my failings. A moan will suffice to make the world comprehend those common miseries which it is better to leave behind the veil. What can society gain by an exhibition of those sores which are everywhere? There is no lack of instances, when poor human nature can be seen at bay!" All this is very beautiful in thought and expression, and Chateaubriand was sincere when he wrote it; but he failed to carry out his plan as set down, and there have been too many instances in his life when the archtempter triumphed over the better part of his nature.

There is no need to follow him further through the labyrinth of his eventful life, or to insist on the superior qualities of his mind. The reader will find them generously discussed and appreciated in the second part of the book. M. Lenormant attempts a thorough vindication of the author of the Souvenirs. We recommend it as a brilliant and honorable achievement, though we beg to dissent from it in many particulars.

At the end of the volume are collected a few letters of Chateaubriand to Mme. De Récamier. They are well written and interesting, and convey the impression that the writer must have been a rather independent husband, who knew how to arrange his outside affections with his matrimonial duties; but whether Mme. De Chateaubriand was equally well pleased we cannot say.

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THE PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF AMERICA, From the Earliest Discoveries to the Present Day. Illustrated with twenty-four full-page engravings. New-York: HENRY S. ALLEN. 1874.

The idea of gathering together selections from the best writers for the purpose of comprising in a convenient volume a complete history of this continent for the special use of American readers, was formed some years ago. But it was only partially carried into practice. No such complete history was the result, but only a collection of fragments, which, however satisfactory in themselves, were quite inadequate to meet the public demand for the authentic record of recent events. In the work before us this defect has been remedied, and to the compilations in the original plan new matter has been added which brings down the historical narrative in both portions of America as nearly as possible to the day of publication.

A general outline of the contents of the book will suffice to show its comprehensive nature, and to indicate its importance either for purposes of reference or as an authoritative work for the student of American history. It may be regarded as consisting of five parts. The first contains thirty-two chapters devoted to biographies of either the early discoverers or of persons who took a prominent part in the earliest history of the country, from Biron, who first landed in Iceland and Greenland, Madoc Zeno, Columbus, &c., down to William Penn. These are from the writings of Dr. Belknap.

Following chronological order, the second part comprises the history of South America, by Dr. Robertson, but with a continuation by a recent writer which brings down the history to the current year. This new portion traces the gradual decline of the Spanish power, and its causes, the influence which Napoleon's policy, as well as the Spanish character, had in hastening it, the misconceptions that prevailed in the eighteenth century regarding the effects of the Northern Declaration of Independence, the gradual development of a desire for freedom in the South American colonies, and its ultimate consummation, the foundation of the Empire of Brazil, the Spanish war with Chili, and the conflict between Brazil and her allies and Paraguay. A strong picture is here drawn of the dominant features in the character and policy of the Spaniards, and the author adopts a view antagonistic to the course pursued by Brazil against Lopez, which he considers to have had no ground of justification whatever.

In the third portion we have the beginning of the history of North America, and the foundation and career of the thirteen colonies down to the end of the campaign of 1776, the fourth division commencing from the Declaration of Independence, and carrying the narrative down to the day when President Grant recently refused to send troops into Arkansas at the request of the Governor of that State. In order to keep the limits of so comprehensive a work within reasonable compass, the stirring events of the last quarter of a century have necessarily been given in a concise form without extraneous embellishment. But the narrative is none the less complete. If it shows some lack of judgment and impartiality as well as foresight in the author, it has the advantage of abounding in facts, which are presented in a manner that evinces commendable ability and care. Not the least valuable part of this division of the work, both for present and future reference, is a general summary of the existing condition of our country, with a collection of statistics relating to agriculture, commerce and navigation, education, mining, finance, railroads, canals, and manufactures, and a list of the chief mechanical and manufacturing industries. The concluding division is a narrative of the Indian wars in New-England.

The wide field which such an outline as this embraces covers almost everything of the greatest importance in the history of the entire continent. The sources whence the information it contains has been derived are also of the most recent and authentic character, so that the work may fairly be regarded as both an authoritative and a very copious history. Contained in a single quarto volume, it affords to the American reader, in a moderate space, a complete record of all that in most cases he wants to know of the nations which are entitled to be called American. To the native or resident in this republic it is almost necessary; at any rate, it is a work that should have a place in the home of every citizen, as essentially belonging to his country. Nor would the Chilian or the Peruvian find it much less acceptable; for, while it shows the steady growth of the United States, and with them the development of popular ideas of government, it does as much for the South American republics. It is, in short, a complete library of American history within the compass of a single volume—one, too, of the highest character both in respect to literary merit and the enumeration of facts and incidents. Copious notes supply a large amount of useful information upon many points of interest referred to from time to time in the text, and thus all care for the convenience of the reader and for enhancing the utility of the book seems to have been taken. We use this expression advisedly, for we have a suggestion to make. Thanks to a copious table of contents, it is not very difficult for any person moderately acquainted with American history to turn to the particular portion he may desire for reference, but a good index would very much enhance the value of the book in this particular. Being, too, a deficiency that can easily be made good, it is the more worthy of consideration, and as it could be supplied without trouble to subscribers to the present edition, there ought not to be any impediment. It would add very materially to the usefulness of a book of reference, which we are inclined to think will be received with favor by the public, and which will supply a want long felt. We may add that it is contained in a tastefully devised cover of suitable design, which adds an ornamental exterior to much utility within.

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SCROPE; or, THE LOST LIBRARY. A Novel of New-York and Hartford. By FREDERIC B. PERKINS. 8vo., pp. 276. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS.

The author of *Scrope* has written a novel of marked character and excellence, although of unequal interest. We have not for a long time read a book which indicated so much real knowledge of the life its author undertook to describe, or in which the personages and the scenes showed so clearly that they were careful and apprehensive studies from Nature. The people that Mr. Perkins sets before us are full of life, life inborn, and, with two or three exceptions, they have a truthfulness of portraiture which, it must be confessed, very few of our novel-writers are able to attain.

The story is built upon an incident in the history of an old New-England family, sprung from a son of one of the regicides, who sought safety and liberty in America. He had left, as it was supposed, a will and a small library of books, which he mentioned in the will as being in a chest marked with the name and arms of Scrope. But the will was mutilated, the greater part of the very signature itself being on the part torn off, and of the library, or of the box emblasoned on which were the arms and name, nothing had been heard for generations. There was, therefore, no legal evidence that the New-England Scropes were descendants of the Adrian Scrope who was son to the regicide, which uncertainty was unpleasant for more reasons than one; for it began to be bruited about that a large estate in England lay ready for the descendants of that Scrope, and a British Scrope makes his appearance, claiming kindred with his Yankee cousins, and ready to help them to establish their claims. The sentimental interest of the story is centred upon the love of Adrian Scrope, a direct descendant—New-England born—of the original Adrian, and his cousin, Civille Van Braam, or Boeraam, a Scrope on her mother's side. He is bookish, if not literary, and he happens to pick up at auction a unique copy of the Scrope genealogy, bound up with some old ordination sermons and other rubbish. The scene in the auction-room—which all bookish men will at once recognize as that of Bangs & Merwin—is the starting point of the story. It is strikingly true to the life. The author introduces certain well-known personages often seen in that place—among them "Chase," or William Gowan, the queer original second-hand book dealer, whose last habitat was in Nassau street. Another, hardly less well known, as he is living, we forbear naming. This book-auction is vividly and humorously portrayed. The late Mr. Merwin's manner of selling and Gowan's of buying; the "chaff" back and forth, and the characteristic incidents of a miscellaneous "lot" sale will be recognized by every person who has ever attended one in that place. But although the author takes us afterward into Gowan's wonderful *omnium gatherum* of books and shows us that he understands and sympathizes with the bibliomaniac's greed, even while he satirizes it, the reader must not suppose that the bulk or the interest of the book is bibliographical. On the contrary, the course of the narrative sweeps us quickly off into the great tides and the little eddies of New-York society, and we find the heroine, who is not only a very lovely but an original conception among heroines, and of peculiar but very charming moral and intellectual traits—we find this winning creature pursued by a detective, and more than suspected of what is, under its mildest name, known as kleptomania. By means of this charge the heroine is connected with the family of Mr. Tarbox Button, who is also supposed to be a remote offshoot of the Scrope tree, and with which family, in the beginning, Adrian Scrope is connected by the very close tie of an engagement to fasten himself for life to a female Button named Anne Jacintha. The portraits of the Button family are fresh and new of their kind, and yet they might have been studied from originals in hundreds of households in New-York. Here is our first glimpse of this family:

"No one can know," said Mrs. Tarbox Button, with deep reeling, and a suitable separate emphasis on each word—"no one can know what perfect happiness is until they have attended a female prayer-meeting. Of course, I shall be there, and Anjesinthy, too, Dr. Toomston. I have been there, and still would go, for 'tis a little heaven below."

"And you too, then, let me hope, my dear young Female Timothy, my example of the believers. You will accompany your good mother, thy mother Eunice?"

Thus asked further the Rev. Dr. Toomston of Miss Ann Jacintha Button—the "Anjesinthy" of the first speaker above, who always gave her daughter both names. He asked the question; he did not so much ask, or speak, as utter. He uttered this overture—the Doctor was a Presbyterian—with his invariable majestic manner, and with the same forth-putting, roomy articulation as if he had been speaking from what he always called "the sacred desk." He always spoke from the sacred desk, even if he were talking to a baby. * * *

"Oh yes, indeed, Doctor," replied the young lady, "I feel it a great privilege."

They have in the theatres what they call the leading lady. She is the chief actress, who does the heavy heroine business, such as queens' parts. So they have in churches. Mrs. Tarbox Button was the leading lady in the Rev. Dr. Toomston's church.

This is peeping from behind a door. The reader must be dull indeed, or little acquainted with New-York, who does not recognize these sketches—mother, daughter, and "pastor." The giving the daughter both her names, and the running them into Anjesinthy, is a delicate touch, which fixes exactly the position of the Buttons. We need hardly be told after this that Mr. Tarbox Button was the richest man in Dr. Toomston's church, and the most energetic, practical, and efficient also, or that Mrs. Button was a shrewd, hard-working New-England woman, and that she and her husband worshiped mammon, and, without being conscious hypocrites, used religion and the church and charitable associations as means of getting on—not consciously hypocrites, for as mother and daughter are about entering the "Shadowing Wings" to superintend the nursing of the babies there, the former turns to the latter, and referring to the charge of theft against Civille, says: "We are to meet her just the same, you know; and, by the way"—with serious emphasis—"remember that, too, Anjesinthy, 'tain't right to set in judgment on your neighbor." "Yes, ma," said the young lady; and they went in—went in, not conscious hypocrites; and yet, what a scene of loathsome hypocrisy follows their entrance, not less loathsome because it is not uncommon, and we feel that it may have been acted again and again in real life. And here the simplicity and singleness of heart and genuine loving kindness of Civille is displayed by the contrast of her conduct to the cause of the revelation of the real characters of the parties—a negro baby. For Mrs. President Button, after having congratulated herself and the board upon their having "a very desirable class of infants," is shocked by the appearance of Civille bestowing care upon a negro baby. We need not either shudder or scoff. Are we all above this? Is the "Shadowing Arms" the only charitable society where the managers pride themselves upon ministering to a very desirable class of infants?

In Mr. Tarbox Button we have a typical man, typical as to place and time. Ill-bred, uneducated, intellectually as well as socially vulgar, a hard, selfish, money-getting man; he has a certain clearness and sureness of vision, and a certain strength, that fit him for his place in the world, and which are not in themselves unworthy of a certain sort of respect. Adrian Scrope himself, sensitive, unselfish, delicate, and pure—a gentleman by nature, birth, and breeding—does not escape the influence of the weight of this man's character, which the author describes as "strong and large, though low." The truth is that Mr. Button represents the dominant man at present in America. These strong, large, low-natured men have been ruling us for years—are ruling us now. When they are politicians and have no scruples, they make Tweeds; when they are speculators and voluptuaries and have no scruples, they make Jim Fisks; and when in various other positions they have scruples, they keep clear of the law, and perhaps even of public scandal, but still they attain their ends, and they rule us in their strong, large, low way. We might look into the very highest places in the land and find them filled with some variety of this strong, coarse, low-minded man.

It is not, however, on this less pleasing side of ourselves that our author gives us life-like portraits which are characteristic of New-York and New-England society; for considering the number of his personages, and they are not many, they have a very marked variety; and yet they are all such that their originals might be within the knowledge of any observant American born and bred reader. For *Scrope* has scattered through its pages very remarkable, because very truthful and characteristic, representations of the social product of our two hundred and fifty years' separation from the mother country, and of the conditions of life imposed upon us by our position. Indeed, without being rabidly American and calling out, "Come and look at my menagerie full of live Yankees"—in fact, with the true artist's apparent unconsciousness of any other motive in his work than to give form and body to the thought that is in him—Mr. Perkins has produced a novel more truly American in its spirit than any other that we know; Hawthorne's works, Bret Harte's sketches, and perhaps one other book, being left out of question. His personages do not go about bragging, spouting, making extravagant jokes, talking spread-eagleism, or whining through their noses; they do not whittle, or whistle "Yankee Doodle," nor do they wear swallow-tailed coats and high-crowned and broad-brimmed hats, talking "tall," and dishonestly ruining their confiding friends by hare-brained speculations. But, they are such people as may be met in New-York and in New-England, with their mental and physical traits painted to the life. There is a description, for example, of an old house in Hartford, and an old woman in it, Adrian Scroope's aunt, that is as faithful and minute, and as rich in local color as any Flemish interior with figures, or one by Meissonnier or by Irving, with the added advantage of speech and movement. Certain places in New-York are described with the correctness of photography, enlivened by the spirit of true art. Nor is the story without interest, although it does not belong to the intense school. The web of circumstance in which the heroine is entangled seems one from which she cannot be disentangled, (although we are sure that she must be,) and it is not until the proper time that we even suspect what the truth may be, and then the end comes quickly, as it should.

The author has made some mistakes. For example, all his spiritualism is very dreary stuff. Not false; on the contrary, its dreariness is the consequence of the truthfulness of the representation. But the repulsive nature of the subject makes it a blot upon the story. In Mr. Bird, he has given a just, although favorable, portrait of a high-class newspaper reporter; but the gutta-percha face with which he makes him "double," in more than one sense, for the part of Olds, the detective, is one of the least happy contrivances we have ever met in fiction. And what could have led Mr. Perkins to make the British Scrope such a nondescript creature, and speak such a nondescript jargon? He is like no Englishman that ever lived or could live; and he speaks a lingo unheard in England from the Humber to the Channel. For example, these speeches from the dialogue in which he first appears:

"I do so—I do indeed," replied the young fellow. "Now, I should say, an ouse here in the city—yacht, of course—place at Newport—ah, sweet place Newport, such sort hair, you know!—countwy seat on the Udson—say near Tawwytown—was up there yesterday—lovely countwy, I ashuah you."

"Weally, I don't know it. T. Button, Esq., it said—Do you know, now, you are a monstwous many hesquires in Hamewica?"

"This other cousin now, Chester—your cowespondent about the genealogy—e's hanother sort of person, I imagine?"

This is a purely artificial dialect, compounded of a caricature of the dawdling talk of an affected swell and of that of the lowest sort of cockney. Horace's woman at the top and fish at the bottom are nothing to it. Mr. Perkins is so correct in his representations of what he does know and has seen that we must attribute this blunder to sheer ignorance. And so, as to Mr. Scrope's card of address, which is thus described:

BRABAZON AYMAR DE VERE SCROPE OF SCROPE.

And at the point where an asterisk is put there was moreover a most noble-looking coronet, printed in the three primary colors, very impressive to behold.

Now, no English gentleman, nor any impostor of common sense pretending to be an English gentleman of position, would carry such a monstrously-ridiculous thing as that. An English gentleman's visiting-card is the simplest, most unpretending form of that strange social phenomenon in the world. If he is a nobleman, or has any title, of course he uses it; the card would not be recognized as his without; but he does it in the simplest possible way, and the sons of peers, although styled "Honorable," rarely, if ever, put the prefix on their cards. As to a coronet, (to which Mr. Brabazon Scrope could not be entitled,) he would as soon think of putting on an ass's head. The use of the coronet upon cards is almost distinctive of continental nobility, and even with them it is in simple black, and not blazoned in heraldic tints.

Such errors, however, although they must needs be remarked upon, do not diminish the real value and interest of Mr. Perkins' book, which is so good that we wish he could have taken time to make it better. In some passages the work is very careful; in others somewhat hasty and unfinished, as if written under pressure. But it is always truthful, always spirited, always the fruit of close previous observation and clear insight, if not of elaborated thought; and it leads us to hope that he will soon produce something else even worthier of the powers he so manifestly possesses. As a first novel (and his name is unknown to us as the author of any other) it is a very marked success.

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GAZETTEER OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DOMINION OF CANADA. Designating Telegraph, Express, Post, and Money Order Offices, Giving their Locations as to County, State, and Line of Railway, with the Population and the Name of the Express Company Delivering and Receiving at Each. Also a List of the Counties and County Towns of the Several States, with the Date at which the Several Courts are held, together with other valuable statistical information. Philadelphia: The National Railway Publication Company. 1874.

We give the title of this little volume in full, for it closely describes the purpose and contents of the work. It will at once be seen that the information supplied is of the most useful kind to business men. Although the book contains 440 pages, it is of convenient size and form, and very handy for reference. One novel feature in the railroad lists, and one, too, which we think will be well appreciated, consists in a list of old as well as new names of roads. There are over 600 titles by which certain roads were formerly known, together with their proper designations now. Following the tables of railway stations, with their statistics and other information of the several towns and villages, is an express directory, and several tables of river distances, and other useful topics, such as the values of foreign money, situation of piers in the principal cities, list of counties and county towns, times at which the several courts are held, &c.

Although a little volume, it is full of much valuable information of this kind, which appears to have been carefully compiled, and to be, so far as we are enabled at present to judge, perfectly trustworthy.

## THE CHENANGO VALLEY.

IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE PAST NINE YEARS—GREAT NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY—PICTURESQUE SCENERY.

*From the Occasional Correspondent.*

UTICA, N. Y., Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1874.

I have just returned to Utica, en route for home, from a brief excursion down the Chenango Valley, so-called—will assume, to begin with, that everybody has a general idea that Chenango River rises somewhere in the vicinity of Oneida, and flowing in a southerly direction reaches Binghamton; and that the valley is bounded by the hills which range along its course. Nine years ago I visited this valley, and my visit of a few days since was the first since then. And I had visited it before that—in the memorable Autumn of 1862, when the demands of the United States service sent me hither to join one of the most serviceable and now most famous of the New-York volunteer regiments—the One Hundred and Fourteenth. Well indeed do I remember the impression then made upon me by the remarkable location of the village of Norwich, Chenango County. Like most other lads of twenty-three, all my practical experience in life had been connected with railroads and steam-boats, and towns and cities accessible by one or the other, or both. I had supposed, in my masculine innocence, that there was no village in the State of any size or respectability situated more than a few minutes' walk from a railroad depot or a steam-boat landing; and, therefore, what I learned upon my first visit to the Chenango Valley was naturally the occasion of much astonishment. It seems difficult to realize now that the village of Norwich, containing at present a population of seven thousand and upward, and, in 1865, closely approximating to that number, was at that date so entirely isolated from the rest of the world that its only communication with places north and south of it was by the Chenango Valley Canal, or by the old-fashioned stage-coach. The nearest railroad then was the terminus from Binghamton, at Chenango Forks, thirty miles south from Norwich; the next nearest was the Central, at Utica, fifty miles north. To reach Norwich, or intermediate places, a weary stage-coach journey was necessary; and my memory vividly recalls one of these excursions from Utica to Norwich, which I made in February, 1865, which consumed the entire day, from sunrise to sunset.

But all this is now changed. The system of town and municipal bonding, bad and vicious as it is claimed to be by many, has certainly linked the villages of the Chenango Valley together, and given them such advantages in the way of transportation of passengers and freight as nothing would now induce them to part with. Nine years ago, when I last visited this valley, it was emphatically a Sleepy Hollow—a place for which nature had done everything and man very little. Now, all of this is changed, and wonderfully changed, indeed, to one who has not visited the valley since the shriek of the iron-horse proclaimed a new order of things therein. Norwich and the other principal points in the valley are now connected by railroad with Syracuse, Utica, Binghamton, and Albany; and the large villages through the valley are wonderfully rejuvenated and improved by the innovation. Business is quickened and increased, markets are enlarged and made more busy, and every place along the route of any of the railroads feels the quickening touch of the magician's wand—the magician of steam and railway. Of course, all these advantages are yet to be paid for; the principal and interest of town bonds is yet to be met and paid. But I hasten to record the fact, that along the Chenango Valley I heard but one opinion expressed—that the benefits thus far derived and to be derived from the railroads were worth much more than the taxation necessary to meet the obligations of the several localities. In Norwich especially are these benefits strikingly visible to one who knew the place long before it was within hailing distance of the whistle of a locomotive. New and substantial buildings have sprung up on the principal street. There is a brisk and city-like air of business about the place which it never had in its old ante-railroad days. And I did not fail to observe that the elevated bridges over the canal are giving place to low bridges on the level of the street, plainly showing that the canal has passed the days of its usefulness, and that it will, ere long, be given over to bull-frogs and water-snakes.

But my main object in inditing this letter was to say something about the natural beauty of the Chenango Valley. Well do I remember that, in September, 1862, viewing it for the first time from the stage-coach window, I solicited and obtained permission from the driver to ride upon the box, that I might have an unrestricted view of the charming panorama which every mile of the way unfolded. And what a glorious scene it is! From Binghamton to Utica it is all the same, varying only in details, and not at all in the general features of the outlook. Any mile of the whole distance will show you a graceful, majestic range of hills on the east and west, partially clothed with timber and dotted here and there with houses perched high up like Alpine homes; the picturesque and winding course of the shallow river, bounded upon either side by the rolling country under cultivation; glimpses of villages and rural homes along the way, and the whole, so far as you can embrace it at a single glance, set in a glorious frame-work of hills and sky and fields, and touched with such tints of light and shade as the oldest of the old masters can alone impart.

Of course there are other things which might be accomplished in the Chenango Valley besides sight-seeing. I have heard of ponds and brooks innumerable where the fisher might be gratified, but my principal object in writing this letter, as I have already said, is to call attention to one of the most beautiful, and I believe one of the least appreciated in the way of natural beauty, of all the nooks and corners of the State. I have traveled about New-York much during the time that has passed since the close of the war, and I have learned to the full the lesson that the citizen of the Empire State need never go beyond the territorial limits of New-York in the search for the grand, the pleasing, or the picturesque in nature; but I may confidently say that the New-Yorker who has not traversed the Chenango Valley has not seen the most picturesque part of the whole State.

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## FILKINS, THE ESCAPED ROBBER.

It is now believed that Filkins did not make his escape from the prison grounds until Saturday last, but remained concealed during the intervening time from the day he was missed. He is believed to be in Canada. Sheriff McMillan, of Schenectady, visited the prison, arriving on the day Filkins escaped, and he imparts the following particulars to the Schenectady *Union*: As the time he made his escape, Filkins was one of a gang of men at work in a mill for crushing ore. The gang was in charge of an overseer. The last seen of Filkins was at the time he was sent to a little garden adjoining the mill on some errand. He was missed about 9 o'clock in the morning, and Sheriff McMillan arrived there about an hour afterward. There was much excitement among the keepers, the question of how Filkins could have made his escape being a mystery. It was thought he had gone out in citizen's clothing, but this seems to be almost an impossibility. The entrance to the prison is through an immense gate or door, inside of which stand two men, night and day, one with a gun, and the other to unlock the door when ordered to do so by the sentinel. Filkins had been gone an hour before he was missed, and during that hour both men at the gate said that nobody had passed out. It is surmised by some that he concealed himself, and was helped over the wall at night by friends.

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## WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION IN DETROIT OCT. 13 AND 14.

The following is the call for the annual meeting of the American Woman Suffrage Association, which convenes in Detroit on the 13th of October for a two days' session.

The American Woman Suffrage Association will hold its sixth annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business, in Detroit, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 13 and 14, at the Opera House, commencing at 10 A. M. Reports of auxiliary State societies during the past year will be rendered. The following auxiliary State societies should be represented by their accredited delegates, viz.: Maine, New-Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, California. Auxiliary societies should take care to secure representation by their full quota of delegates, corresponding in number to the Congressional delegations of their respective States; and in every State where no such societies exist, all friends of woman suffrage who concur in the objects and methods of the American Woman Suffrage Association are respectfully invited to organize in their respective localities. The necessity of a radical political reform grows every year more evident. To-day our Government is republican only in name. In every town, in every ward, we are controlled by cliques of trading politicians through the machinery of parties. Our nominations are made in caucus by less than five per cent. of our voters and are ratified at the polls by less than one-fourth of our adult citizens. A real political reform must enlist all the virtue, intelligence, and patriotism of the nation in a struggle against vice and ignorance and selfishness. The whole American people must become interested in political questions. In impartial suffrage, irrespective of sex, lies the only salvation of American liberty. Come, then, friends of equal rights, to our annual convention! Help establish impartial suffrage, and thus check the despotism of monopolies, restore the supremacy of morals in public and private life, and redeem the future of the great American Republic.

By order of the Executive Committee.

JULIA WARD HOWE, President.
LUCY STONE, Chairman Executive Committee.

### INTERNATIONAL LAW REFORM.

A Geneva letter to the London *Standard*, dated Sept. 9, runs as follows: "The second International Congress, the meeting of the 'Association for the Reform and Codification of the Law of Nations,' opened here on Monday. The association was formed last year in Brussels, and has for its object 'to organise the peace and well-being of the nations upon a well-defined basis of international law, and to secure the settlement of the differences of nations by peaceful methods.' On the last point it declares arbitration the essentially just and reasonable means of terminating disputes which cannot be settled by negotiation. The work of the association which has just closed its sittings may be said to run in the same groove, but, while heartily approving of the institute and commending it as eminently fitted for the formation of a code of international law, the meeting which assembled on Monday believes that there is room for both bodies; and, while they can give each other much assistance, it is better to keep their organization separate. This second association holds the establishment of an international tribunal of arbitration as its principal object, and in accordance with its title of reforming and codification, it examines the resolutions of the institute, and any other projects brought before it. About fifty gentlemen were present at the opening on Monday, among them being Hon. D. Dudley Field, the President; Sir Travers Twiss, Mr. Henry Richard, M. P.; Mr. Jencken, B. L., London; Hon. C. Daly, Chief Justice of the United States Court of Common Pleas; Mr. Joshua Williams, Q. C.; Dr. J. B. Miles, New-York; Mr. J. Gerstenberg, Chairman of the Council of Foreign Bondholders, London; Judge Peabody, United States; Dr. J. B. Thompson, Berlin; Mr. F. H. Palmer, M. P.; Mr. T. Webster, Q. C.; Prof. Lawrence, United States; His Excellency M. Kawase, Japanese Ambassador at Rome; Signor Mancini, Prof. Pierantoni, Señor Marcoarta, former member of the Spanish Cortes, &c. The annual report stated that national societies auxiliary to the association had been formed in England, France, and Italy, and were composed of very able and efficient men. It was proposed to organize similar societies in all civilized countries, and then to associate the prominent representatives of the nations in a grand international league, whose object would be most comprehensive and benign, and which would go far to preserve the peace and promote the well-being of the whole family of nations. The results produced by their previous conference were, the report stated, marked and happy, and reference was made with peculiar satisfaction to the triumph of arbitration in the British Parliament in July, 1873. The Congress of the United States had also adopted a resolution in favor of arbitration, and there was reason to believe it was entirely in accordance with the wishes of President Grant. There were also expressions of approval from many other lands, and there was every reason to hope for ultimate success. A number of letters expressive of sympathy with the aims of the association were then read, among others from Mr. John Bright, M. P., Mr. Justice Denman, Prof. Leone Levi, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Mr. Henry Pease, Prof. Seeley, Sir John Lubbock, M. Drouyn De Lhuys, and Dr. Bluntschli.

The whole of the first day having been devoted to these preliminaries, the reading of papers by different members commenced on Wednesday. Mr. Webster first read a paper on private international law, more especially relating to copyright and the rights affecting patentees. He contended that in copyright there was an unquestionable property, different in its character from stocks, funds, &c. inasmuch as the exercise of intellectual labor had nothing to do with a diversity of language, or of race, and was common to all. A law of copyright, he held, should be clearly defined by certain conditions, to which an author should be bound before he could avail himself of his rights in his native country, as for instance the necessity of having his work printed before copyright could be claimed. His paper dwelt more with the necessity of a universal law of copyright and of patents than with the details for carrying out of such a measure; but he suggested a work of Mr. Field on the subject as the basis for the labor of the conference. Some conversation took place on the injustice done English authors by the republication of their works in the United States, without any benefit accruing to them, and it was acknowledged by all the Americans present that a change in the present state of the law on the subject was essential for the protection of British intellectual labor.

The next paper was read by Mr. H. D. Jencken, and was on the international law of negotiable securities. He dwelt principally on bills of exchange and promissory notes proper, bills of lading, bonus, and debentures. He believed that not only was it desirable that common rules of practice should be observed throughout the world in regard to negotiable securities, but that the existing laws in different countries were such as to justify the hope of ultimately assimilating them into one common system.

A letter was then read from Mr. F. A. Barnard, President of the American Metallurgical Society, on the possibility of the adoption of an international coinage. The points upon which, in his opinion, unanimity is attainable are—the adoption of a single standard metal of coinage, gold; of a uniform alloy, and of a standard unit of weight and value. The latter point was the most difficult, and the probable solutions were—to adopt as such unit the value of some convenient coin existing; or to adopt a non-existing coin, of which the representative in gold shall be the unit base of such system of weights (say the metric system) as may be adopted for international use. M. Gerstenberg, in the subsequent discussion, pointed out what a grand opportunity for a standard of value was lost when Germany was considering her new gold coinage.

The subject of the international protection of the holders of State securities and the maintenance of public credit was next introduced by M. Gerstenberg, who said the amount of the debts of States was about five or six thousand million pounds sterling, of which London held about a thousand millions. A short time ago Greece was the only defaulting State, but now Spain was a defaulter, and there were other European Governments which did not strictly fulfil their obligations. In America, some

# THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

## A GLANCE FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE PRESENT HOUSE—QUESTIONS BEFORE THE PEOPLE—ESTIMATE OF PROBABILITIES FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS.

*From an Occasional Correspondent.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday, Sept. 19, 1874.

Merchants take account of stock at the close or beginning of the year. Politicians must be more provident, and note carefully, at frequent periods, the rise and decline of quotations in the party exchange. The present is a favorable period for this. The Federal city is a capital vantage ground for making the survey. It seems to be the only place from which political observations can be taken or horoscopes cast, uninfluenced by sectional or local interests. Granting this, it may be acknowledged that the "situation" is mixed, and probabilities are still uncertain, though more distinctly encouraging than they were a few weeks since.

When Congress adjourned in June, the prevailing feeling in all parties was like that expressed by Ballie Nicoll Jarvie, "It's a' a muddle." The Democratic managers were a little jubilant, though even they engaged seriously in the graveyard task of whistling to keep their courage up. Republicans were grave, looking forward to a serious contest, and in many ways regarding the issue as doubtful. This was not only the off year in politics, but the lethargy common to that period—the bane of political managers—was supplemented by a large amount of apparent dissatisfaction and a decided "mixing" of issues. It was widely feared that the next House was in danger, and with some twenty-four Senators to be elected, as well as State tickets, there was everything to incite both parties to exertion. It is a common thing for the "independent" press and "Liberal" orators to denounce the interference of the present Administration in the politics of the several States and Congressional districts, but those who have had anything to do with party management, very well know that no Administration has been in power since early in the present century that has done or now does so little of that sort of thing. It is almost sufficient to deprive any man of a place in any of the departments to have it known that he is an active politician—Republican, of course—and the Democrat or Liberal who is not offensive can remain without difficulty. But to return.

The Republican majority in the present House is set down at about ninety. The Liberal vote consists of three Representatives and four Senators—seven in all. The Republican Senators have a majority of twenty-nine—making a total majority of 119—altogether too many for good discipline or morals, speaking in both a party and political sense. The belief was general that there would be a great breakup, both East and West, inside the Republican fold. Three things, it was believed on one side, and feared the other, would tend to this result. These were:

*First*—The currency question.

*Second*—That of transportation, and

*Third*—The attempt to pass the Civil Rights bill, "mixed schools" included.

Whether wisely or not, the first issue is no longer a very serious cause of disturbance to the Republicans. It seems, boomerang like, to have recoiled, round the corner, on the heads of the opposition—the Democracy being far more troubled in reaching bond of unity on this subject than are their opponents. The currency legislation will not seriously affect the Republican vote. At first it appeared otherwise, but fuller discussion seems to convince members of that party that this, too, is one of the questions to be fought out within their own lines until a safe compromise is reached.

On the transportation question the Republican Party has cleared the Western breakers. The vote on the McCrary bill in the House, and the Senate report on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, with the votes and discussion in the Senate Chamber on related questions, have convinced the advocates of cheap transportation and of the propriety of legislation thereon that the party in power is far more disposed to deal in a large and equitable spirit with these questions than the one in opposition. The Democracy make no response but a negative to popular demands. It can only deny the right of Congress to legislate; of the General Government to in any way interfere or regulate. It demands the cessation of the land-grant system, four years after a Republican House unanimously passed a resolution to that effect, and three years after a Republican National Convention incorporated it into the party platform, ignoring the fact that no grant has passed since that date, and that in fact, since then, by direct vote of Congress, and by Executive construction of law, nearly seventeen million acres have been restored to the public domain by the failure of railroad companies to construct their roads within the allotted periods. On other phases of the railroad or transportation question the Union Republican Congressional Committee, the body which represents the party in all contests other than Presidential, has taken in its campaign publications strong grounds in defense of the party's favorable attitude toward the "Grangers'" or "Farmers'" movement. In its most recent campaign pamphlet, entitled "Living Issues," it reviews the "Back Pay and Salary Repeal" matter, "Railroad Legislation" and "Transportation Monopolies," "Labor," "Taxation," "Cost of Government," of "the War," "Democratic Expenditures as Contrasted with Republican," &c. The discussion of the railroad matter occupies at least one-third of the sixteen pages, and affirms the friendly attitude of Republicanism toward the careful and candid examination of the economic issues involved. It affirms that the best known leaders have ranged themselves on that side which asserts that these great corporate enterprises are in the nature of public trusts, and must be made subordinate to the public good. In opening the argument the committee say:

"No question before the country involves more intricate issues. The right of private property, vested interests, chartered powers, are claimed as on one side; and on the other are the rights of the producing classes, especially those engaged in agriculture, upon whom rates, virtually amounting to a tax for private and corporate profit, are levied, often of an exorbitant character and frequently accompanied by regulations that are unjust and oppressive. There are also the issues of sovereignty—the right of regulation, control, even ownership—which it is claimed grow alike out of the primal right of 'eminent domain,' the common law, the constitutional power to regulate inter-State commerce, and that indefinable brood of powers which arise, it is claimed, from the fact that the 'vested rights' to be pleaded and defended, are all the result of franchises granted to private persons or companies for the public benefit.

"It is but wise and statesmanlike for politicians and public men to move slowly in directions involving such issues and consequences. The Republican Party has not evaded or avoided the issue. It has not rushed blindly, however, to declare an infallible plan, but has, on the contrary, deliberated on the wisest course—not proposing, as the Democracy do, in Congress as well as in State conventions and platforms, to declare that the General Government can do nothing at all—limiting, as they have always done, the powers granted by the Constitution and the duty of Congress thereunder."

It is then shown that the Democrats voted against the McCrary bill and the Republicans for it, not so much because it was deemed the best plan, but mainly because its author claimed that the power to regulate and legislate for common carriers, public highways, and the great agencies of commercial exchange was based on the common law and on the Constitution. The Democrats, under the lead of Judge Arthur, (Kentucky,) opposed it on the abstract doctrine of the old State Rights school, denying and limiting the powers of Congress. The document alluded to recapitulates a number of acts regulating railroad matters, general and special, passed during the last ten years, and then sets forth in a brief summary what it claims will be the Supreme Court's action on this subject, as shown by opinions given from the time of Marshall down, showing that transportation is an important part of commerce; that there is constitutional power to regulate it on both land and sea, and that the inter-State railroad system must necessarily fall within the purview of the constitutional provision relating to commerce.

It cannot be denied by observers of current politics that these declarations have had a great effect in mollifying the avowed, or cooling the latent hostility manifested last Winter and Spring on the part of the "Grangers" in the West toward the Republican Party and policy. The claim is now made that there will not in all probability be more than a dozen men elected to the next House as Grange candidates, and they are more likely to be from Democratic or doubtful districts, than from any which the Republicans have heretofore controlled. As in the present House, there will be many Republicans voting with the farmers, but the fear, once entertained, of an organized defection on that score has passed away. One of the shrewdest of Republican workers gave it as his opinion when Congress adjourned, that the Fall elections would probably result in sending here at least thirty Granger Representatives, most of whom would be affiliated with the Republican Party on general topics of administration and legislation, but who would necessarily form the germ of a new party crystallization. But the same authority now believes that the main effect of the "Producers," discussion will be to divide the Democracy, and neutralize, if not defeat, Bourbonism in such States as Missouri—districts like those of Southern Illinois and Indiana, with some effect, perhaps, in the North-west. As a third-party possibility, the Granger and Labor movements have already spent their force.

As to the third point—the agitation over the Civil Rights bill—it was early seen that its discussion and passage would probably rouse the white South *in toto*. But it was not even dreamed that the very madness of their prejudices would defeat its purposes. The systematic and ferocious cruelty which has marked the progress of the "white terror" reacts, and there is now a fair prospect that the presence of the troops will prevent the dragooning of the colored voters in districts like that in Alabama represented by Charles Hays, in which Sumter County, where Billings was murdered, is situated. That this statement may not be perverted, it must be understood that it is a Republican district, with from five to seven thousand colored majority. A large portion lies contiguous to Mississippi, and the White Leagues there operate with those in Alabama, and between them, unchecked by the presence of Federal troops, the Republicans are sure of death and outrage, if active, while their supporters are systematically terrorized. Leaving Kentucky out of the count, with West Virginia, Maryland, Missouri, and Delaware, the former slave States now have a representation of seventy-four in the House, of whom there are forty-one Republicans and thirty-three Democrats. The balance promised, on adjournment, to be largely the other way, and at present the most careful estimate places the probable results as follows:

| | No. of Representatives. | Present House. Rep. | Lib. | Dem. | Next House. Rep. | Dem. | D'ffl. |
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| Virginia | 10 | 3 | .. | 7 | 3 | 6 | .. |
| North Carolina | 8 | 3 | .. | 5 | 2 | 6 | .. |
| South Carolina | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 1 |
| Georgia | 11 | 2 | .. | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Alabama | 8 | 1 | .. | 7 | 3 | 5 | .. |
| Florida | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. |
| Mississippi | 6 | 5 | .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Arkansas | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 3 | .. |
| Louisiana | 6 | 6 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 3 |
| Texas | 6 | 6 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 1 |
| Tennessee | 9 | 5 | .. | 4 | 3 | 6 | .. |
| Total | 45 | 2 | 27 | | 30 | 37 | 7 |

The action of the "White Leagues," as well as the revolutionary aspect of affairs in Louisiana, South Carolina, and Arkansas, may change this count. The one given is more favorable to the Republicans than would have been the case some time ago. Men who know the South believe that the presence of United States troops will, as heretofore, have a pacific influence, and so enable a fair election to be held. The statement is openly made here that arms to the amount of one million dollars have been purchased and shipped to Louisiana and South Carolina within a few months past. These two States are the present objective points of the "white race" rebellion. It must be borne in mind, too, that the object of the "Leaguers," "Tax-payers' Unions," and "Rifle Clubs" is not to obtain reform, but control—that their purpose is not to purify, but to destroy. They are distinctly aiming at the subjugation of the suffragan majority to the will of and control of the suffragan minority, *i. e.* a practical disfranchisement of the colored voter. In Louisiana the colored Republicans have an honest majority of over 20,000; this will be clearly shown if any election is held this Fall. In South Carolina they have a majority of over 45,000. In both States, had the Conservative minority an honest desire to reform their State Governments, they could induce Republican voters to go with them sufficient to give them in each. Legislature a minority at least so strong that corrupt measures could not be forced through. This might have been done any time during the past three years; it could be done even now. The colored citizen does not combine with them, because his instincts are a sure guide to their designs, and he knows their purpose to be his disfranchisement—not now by law, but by organized neighborhood terrorism and the transfer of all civic forces, which are now friendly, to unfriendly hands. The example is before them in Georgia, where the system of neighborhood repression is so well carried out that, though there are over 90,000 colored voters there, it would be hardly possible to get half of them to the polls. In South Carolina the distinct avowal is made of revolutionary determination, and the formation of rifle clubs, coextensive with "Tax-payers' Unions," is in proof of this. It is known also that preparations are making in the "white" counties of Georgia and North Carolina, adjacent to the Palmetto State, to aid in the subjugation of the neighboring counties thereof. It is claimed that there are seventeen counties of South Carolina which can be manipulated in the "white race" interest, and twelve other counties, whose votes, if solid, would give control, are so situated as to be easily accessible to the White Leagues of the adjoining States. This is the plan of the "new rebellion" South. It will be seen, too, if careful note is taken of the geographical relations of the localities in Alabama, Louisiana, and elsewhere, wherein outrages and disorder have recently occurred, that they comprise Congressional districts, where:

*First*—The colored majority is considerable, far from the influence of large towns, and made up, therefore, of the more ignorant and impressionable portion of the race—the former plantation slaves.

*Second*—That the white Republicans are few in number, consequently unable of themselves to make effective organization or resistance. Social and business ostracism, among their social equals, is easily effected, and amid an unarmed and terrorized community, they are readily sacrificed, if assassination is necessary.

*Third*—That the districts to be operated on are always so located that they may be easily raided by the "White Leagues" of adjacent States, thus, in a large measure, avoiding arrest and subsequent indictment.

These three things show the systematic character of the League conspiracy, and it proves, too, beyond peradventure, that the object is not reform, but control; not direction, but subjugation of the colored voters. But whatever may be the present result in the Southern States, it is quite evident that the North and West do not intend to indorse the conspiracy. Its effect is already evident, in the closing up of the Republican ranks, and in the renewal of party sympathy with national danger. Again that party is the phalanx of the Republic.

The following estimate of probabilities is given as the most favorable to the opposition that can possibly be figured up:

| | Rep. | Dem. | Doubtful or Ind. |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Southern States already estimated | 30 | 37 | 8 |
| Maryland | 1 | 5 | .. |
| West Virginia | .. | 2 | 1 |
| Missouri | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Kentucky | .. | 10 | .. |
| Delaware | .. | 1 | .. |
| Kansas | 3 | .. | .. |
| Nebraska | 1 | .. | .. |
| California | 2 | .. | 1 |
| Oregon | .. | 1 | .. |
| Minnesota | 3 | .. | .. |
| Wisconsin | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Michigan | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Illinois | 10 | 6 | 3 |
| Indiana | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Iowa | 7 | 2 | .. |
| Ohio | 19 | 9 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania | 18 | 7 | .. |
| New-York | 20 | 14 | 2 |
| New-Jersey | 4 | 3 | .. |
| Connecticut | 2 | 2 | .. |
| Rhode Island | 2 | .. | .. |
| Massachusetts | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| Vermont | 3 | .. | .. |
| Maine | 4 | .. | .. |
| New-Hampshire | 1 | 2 | .. |
| Total | 151 | 117 | 26 |

According to the foregoing, which is the worst possible estimate to be placed on the Republican situation, there would be a majority of nine over the regular opposition and the several factions that may possibly secure a representation. But it is not probable that the Democrats will gain more in Pennsylvania than two districts, in place of the four additional assigned them, or that in New-York there will be more than four districts "put in chancery." In Michigan, where three districts are put in opposition, Senator Chandler asserts that possibly one, but not more, will be lost. Iowa is credited with the loss of two. Its politicians assert one only as reasonable, and some assert that the Democrats will not carry that; but if lost to the regular nominee, the man elected will have Republican proclivities. The Southern men are counting five or six more Republicans at least than are here given, while Massachusetts admits only a probable loss of one. Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio all promise better than is figured above. The estimate usually made here on the Republican side gives the next House thus:

| | Republican. | Democrat. | Doubtful, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southern | 35 | 24 | 5 |
| Pacific States | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Central West, (Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri) | 35 | 17 | 6 |
| North-west, (three States) | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Kentucky | 30 | 28 | 1 |
| New-York, New-Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland | 27 | 23 | .. |
| New-England States | 24 | 5 | .. |
| Total | 167 | 111 | 15 |

This estimate leaves a Republican majority over the Democrats of fifty-six, and over all of forty-one—a loss of fifty votes on the present House. When the ballots are counted it will be found that this is very nearly a correct prognostication. It is not likely to be more than four or five votes one way or the other, and the difference may be in favor of the majority.

In the State and legislative elections, the probable results do not come out so clearly.

## BRAZIL.

ELECTORAL REFORM—THE SUPPRESSION OF FANATICISM—THE COFFEE MARKET.

*From Our Own Correspondent.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1874.

Electoral reform seems to be the question on which the opposition to the Ministry of the astute Visconde Do Rio Branco may be able to form a coalition of sufficient strength to leave the Government in a minority. Heretofore it has been an easy matter to offer some one member of the different and incongruous elements of the opposition sufficient inducement of the nature so well understood by politicians of the Walpole School, to persuade him to view the question in a different light, and join hands with the Government on the question at issue. In this the Government is sustained by the Emperor, for without his consent and support this means of supplementing the strength of the party in power would be unavailable, and so far is his rule a personal one, that if he withholds his support the Ministry must fall.

The bill submitted by the Ministry is not adequate to the demands of increasing intelligence among the people, and is so hampered with disabling clauses, and encumbered with clumsy machinery, as to be practically a general disfranchising bill, which, if it should ever become the law governing elections, would enable the party in possession of the State to so manipulate the ballot as to perpetuate their rule against not only a small majority, but the decided will of the people. Whether the factions composing the opposition will be able to harmonize is the question awaiting solution.

Placing the funds of the National Treasury at the disposal of a market disturbed by a crisis is a practice not monopolized by American statesmen, for the head of the Ministry stated a few days since, in reply to a question put by Senator Zacharias, that "if there was a crisis he should advance the payment of interest on bonds, thus letting out of the Treasury funds destined to that object."

The arrest or dispersion of the religious fanatics known as "Muckers," who, under the lead of several ill-conditioned *predigers*, disturbed the peace of a part of the province of Rio Grande do Sul, was not accomplished without serious loss to the troops sent *put* against them, the total number of casualties amounting to nearly one hundred, and including among the killed Col. Genuino. Beginning with a simple profession of faith, as numbers rallied to the standard of their so-called Savior, special revelation after special revelation was granted, until they preached the doctrine that "property is robbery," practiced polygamy as openly as our Mormon friends, and by robbery, arson, and murder attempted to coerce the unbelievers; hence the interposition of the authorities.

The coffee market has sensibly recovered the ground lost during the month or two of depression consequent on the breaking up of the so-called "coffee ring," and shipments, particularly to the United States, are approaching average figures, but prices have not reached the old quotations, and with the steady current of supply from the interior it is doubtful whether this staple will, under normal circumstances, again command the rates of six months ago. A factor not generally included in forecasting the future of the coffee trade is the increased production consequent on the opening up of the Fazenda country by the extension of the main lines of railway. This may be shown by the following table, giving the income on exports of the principal coffee-growing province—San Paulo—from the year when the first railroad was completed to date:

TAX ON EXPORTATIONS FROM SAN PAULO.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1865-1866 | $275,000 | 1871-1872 | $811,000 |
| 1870-1871 | 683,000 | 1872-1873 | 1,000,000 |

This includes taxes paid on all the exports of the province—cotton, coffee, &c.—but coffee forms by far the preponderating value. The three great coffee-producing provinces of San Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Minas Geraes, are all having trunk lines extended, and branch lines of railroads projected. The immediate result must be a largely increased production of coffee, and consequent decline in price.

The commission sent out by the Navy Department to investigate the expenditures made in docking and repairing the United States steamer Lancaster has concluded its sittings, and the members composing it, not attached to this station, will return to New-York by the Merrimack, leaving to-day. The result is not published, but it is understood that except lack of due vigilance in dispensing requisitions for unimportant stores, or payments for repairs, nothing irregular has been discovered.

The flag-ship Lancaster, Admiral Le Roy, and the Monongahela, Capt. Thornton, are now in the harbor, and the Wasp is doing duty at the River Plate. These are the only vessels now on the Brazil station. The Monongahela will shortly proceed to Cape Frio to make a survey of the bay.

Gen. Caldwell, the recently appointed United States Minister to Uruguay and Paraguay, left for his post this morning. Col. R. C. Shannon, Secretary of the United States Legation at Rio, left for Europe on the 17th, having been granted a four months' leave of absence. Col. J. M. Hinds, Consul General at this port, returned from an extended leave of absence on the 19th inst.

Coggia's comet has put in an appearance in our southern heavens, but its exact position has not yet been defined by the Astronomer Royal.

## A WORD FOR THE COW.

The Elmira *Gazette* speaks a good word for the cow as an animal entitled to distinguished consideration, especially at the hands of industrious new-gatherers. It says: "From the time that frisky member of her race leaped over the moon till to-day she has been the friend of the newspaper. It was the cow with crumpled horn that tossed the dog that worried the cat, that killed the rat that ate the malt that lay in the house that Jack built. And the philosophy of this simple yet touching occurrence has proved an inexhaustible source of illustration, sentiment, and sarcasm. It was Mrs. Leary's old cow that kicked over the lamp that fired the barn that burned the town that Chicago built. It was a cow that brought $40,000 at Utica, and afterward died like any other horned animal. But we have more specific reasons for paying this tribute to the bovine. When the Second National Bank of this city was the victim of industrious burglars, it was a milkman who discovered the hiding-place of the ingenious gentry. When the other day at early morn two wagon-loads of burglars came riding back to this city after their rollicking romp at Wellsboro, it was a milkman who discovered them and knew that mischief was afloat. And, last but not least, it was a man milking near Waverley who discovered Cosgrove go by with his pack-load of greenbacks, and who followed him to his capture. It is true, milkmen are not cows, but without cows there would be no milkmen. Hence our obligations to the female kine. The amount of news which she furnishes one way and another to the press is not to be estimated lightly."

## A SARATOGA BURGLARY.

Ransom Warner was brought before Judge Daniels, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, on a writ of habeas corpus, and a motion made for his discharge. Warner had been arrested on a bench warrant issued by the District Attorney of Saratoga County, he having been indicted by the Grand Jury of Saratoga County as accessory before the fact to a burglary. Mr. Hummel contended, on behalf of the prisoner, that the warrant was defective in many respects, especially in not being backed by the signature of a Magistrate of Saratoga County. Mr. John C. Mott, who represented the District Attorney of Saratoga County, called the attention of the court to the fact that the act of 1849 makes it unnecessary, after indictment, to have the signature of a Justice of the Peace in a District Attorney's warrant. The Judge dismissed the writ and remanded the prisoner.

# THE CITY OF MEXICO.

## A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF ITS SIGHTS AND SCENES.

ITS PUBLIC SQUARES, MONUMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS—WEALTH OF THE CITY—THE WORK LEFT UNDONE BY MAXIMILIAN—AN ERA OF PROSPERITY DAWNING—RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY.

*From Our Own Correspondent.*

CITY OF MEXICO, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1874.

We are safe in Mexico and comfortably, not to say luxuriously, lodged in a handsome and capacious edifice of granite, once the palace of the Emperor Iturbide, who threw away the popular and lasting title of "The Liberator" for a brief period of uneasy monarchy. The hotel stands on the Calle San Francisco, one of many which, together, form what may be considered the Broadway of Mexico. I say one of many, because the system of street baptism adopted here has christened every block with a separate name, thus well nigh exhausting the ingenuity of the sponsors to devise distinctive appellations for every new offspring, and making it quite impossible for a stranger to regulate in his mind the chaos which such a plan creates. This street, with others added to it on either end, commences at the Great Square of the Cathedral and Government Palace, and extends nearly a mile, widening toward the end into the broad avenue known as the Avenida Juarez, terminating at the public square where stands the bronze equestrian statue of Charles IV. of Spain, which Humboldt pronounced superior in artistic excellence to any work of the kind in existence, excepting only the statue of Marcus Aurelius at Rome. At this point the street turns off and becomes the Paseo Bucarelli, a country drive daily frequented by the *elite* of Mexico, and on which is situated the "Fountain of Independence," a huge basin of clearest water, from the centre of which rises the colossal figure of an Indian woman, standing on a pedestal fifteen feet in height, supported by fluted stone columns, encircling a group of animals, from whose open mouths flows the water that feeds the basin; the figure uplifts its right arm in triumph, and holds in its left hand a scroll, on which are engraved the words "Independence, 16th September, 1810."

In the heart of the city the street is about fifty feet wide, and lively with the concourse of passers-by. Half a dozen large hotels are situated here, and the place is brightened with stores of every kind—dry goods, engravings, books, photographs, silver-ware, jewelry, &c. Further on we have the banking-house of Barron, Forbes & Co., the leading capitalists of the country, and adjoining this a large house, particularly noticeable for its front of polished porcelain, ornamented with an intricate design in blue upon a ground of white, occupied by the noted advocate Martinez De la Torre, one of the zealous defenders of Maximilian on the occasion of his capture and trial, and whose efforts with President Juarez were well nigh successful in obtaining a pardon for him, which at the last moment Juarez would undoubtedly have granted had it not been for the unyielding counsel of his Chief Secretary, Mr. Lerdo, the actual President of Mexico. A few steps beyond is the palatial building lately constructed by Mr. Escandon, the rival banker and capitalist to Mr. Barron, and intended, I believe, for a private residence, but now devoted to the offices of the Mexico and Vera Cruz Railway. Not far from this the street is bordered for a considerable distance by the Alameda, the largest public park of the city, covering about twenty-five acres, beautiful with large trees, redolent with the perfume of abundant flowers, and musical with the sound of waters falling from ample fountains. This park, which a few years ago became unsafe with the descending twilight, has been somewhat cleared of its too dense foliage, and fully supplied with gas-lamps, so that it is now as safe and pleasant a resort at night as in the daytime; but the chief hour of attraction here is the early morning, before the sparkling dews have faded, before the birds have finished the carol of their first glad song; then the peasants from the immediate country are here milking their cows and dealing out the fresh, warm drink not only to the family purchasers, but to those early risers who come out to break their fast at this incomparable hour; for the denizen of the capital divides his meals after the manner of Paris; he initiates the day with a cup of chocolate or coffee, or, as these happy morning strollers do, with a glass of milk; he breakfasts extensively at 12, and dines at evening.

Coming back to the beginning of our street, we find ourselves in the grand square of the city, of which one side is occupied by the immense Cathedral, a building more large than handsome, ornamented with a wasteful profusion of Moorish splendor, of cutting and carving, of statues and bas-reliefs, an architecture in which the eye searches vainly for a straight line to rest upon, where the sight is wearied in the endeavor to grasp all the details. Another side of the square is wholly occupied by the Government Palace, which Maximilian devoted exclusively to the Imperial residence, and which, under the Republic, performs in itself the office of all the Government buildings at Washington and the White House in addition, besides furnishing quarters for a goodly number of cavalry and infantry, and providing room for a museum of natural history. The front takes in the whole width of the square, about 800 feet, and the building extends back about 1,500 feet. There are eight immense interior court-yards, giving light and ventilation, and the several compartments of the extensive building are connected by wide balconies, upheld by tall columns supporting graceful arches. Among the interesting departments is that devoted to the national archives, where are preserved thousands of MS. volumes relating every detail of Mexican history from the discovery of the land by Europeans, as well as much information about the various Indian tribes of the country. Many of these volumes in the caligraphy of the first century of Spanish occupation are entirely unintelligible except to the experienced student in paleography. Among these is the volume containing the "Examination into the Administration of the Government of the Province, as conducted by Fernando Cortes," a proceeding to which it was customary to subject each Viceroy upon the termination of his official career. In its pages is plainly indicated the outline of a dark tragedy in connection with the death of Cortes' wife, who came suddenly to her end by some mysterious agency, unexplained, unless it be by the admission that her husband's fingers closed about her throat while she slept. Here is a chart showing Montezuma's line of descent, by the painted figures of his predecessors, each connected to his immediate ancestor by a sort of Siamese ligament, the whole drawn upon a large sheet of strong paper, manufactured by the natives prior to the time of the Conquest, but by what process is not known. There are still many of the manuscripts unassorted and unbound, but this work is being carried on, and a great number of the more useful documents connected with the recent history of the Republic have been printed by the Government, and are furnished to those who wish them at the very lowest prices which the cost of their publication will permit.

The Museum of Natural History is the very excellent beginning of what promises to be a complete collection of its kind. The section of minerals and that of insects are at present the most extensive and the best supplied, while the most unique, and assuredly the ugliest of the curiosities on exhibition, are two horrible mummies, which I would gladly see disposed of by decent and irremediable interment. Among the curious objects are three scrolites, solid balls of iron, one weighing 360 pounds, and a table made of one solid plank, over five feet in width. Immediately in rear of the Palace is the School of Arts, with a fine collection of old Mexican and European paintings, and a still more interesting gallery of the modern Mexican painters. The subjects in this last series are taken mainly from the Old Testament history, notably fine among these being a painting representing the return of the dove to the ark; others equally fine tell of Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness, of Abraham and Isaac preparing for the sacrifice, and of Moses descending from the Mount. The "Death of Socrates" is a picture of power, and faultless in every detail of drawing; but perhaps the most effective picture there was one that showed Dante and Virgil looking down into the burning pit—the postures, the striking contrast between the two faces, the calm, unmoved, placid face of Virgil, and the horror, mingled with an uncertain gleam of satisfaction, portrayed in Dante, together with the effect of the lightly-reflected fire from the dense below, make the picture one of unusual strength. This same School of Art, which is well attended, and which furnishes every grade of instruction, from the primary elements of drawing, through painting up to sculpture, of which many excellent specimens are to be seen. Special care is given to engraving, and this branch is making unusual progress.

Leaving this, we pay a short visit to the Mint, one of eleven similar establishments in the Republic. The work is done in great part by machinery of domestic construction, which speaks well for the machine shops of the country. It is carried on upon a large scale, and with admirable system, but any description of the well-known process of coining would be idle here. The peculiar feature of the establishment is that it is owned and carried on by private individuals and licensed by the Government, which has no other interest in it than to receive the annual fee which it imposes for the leave to coin. This plan has been found more profitable than for the Government to purchase the bullion and do its own coining, which was the former system. The Mint is situated in a large building, which was at one time a convent. The tank of acids and the furnaces for melting the copper are situated at one end of what was undoubtedly the convent chapel, an immense, high, magnificently-vaulted chamber, now black with dust and ashes, with stores of coal and straw lying about in corners, but splendid and imposing still. This peculiarity of broad, high, and graceful arches constitutes the unique beauty of the churches in Mexico; they are generally of unimposing exterior, showing evidences of decay or incompleteness.

Next to the old chapel at the Mint, the most imposing church edifice it was my fortune to see was the former Church of St. Augustine, now being converted into the National Library, and its beauty consisted in the absolute emptiness which allowed one to enjoy the full effect of its splendid proportions. The National Library is already enriched with some sixty thousand volumes, now in great part stored away in compartments far too small to admit of easy access, and when the arrangements for the new library are complete a great number of modern works will be purchased.

The School of Mines is another institution of much usefulness, especially to a country whose mineral resources are equal to any in the world. It is established on a grand scale, and is adequate to the great need which it supplies. Schools are to be met with at every turn—primary schools and more advanced academies, free schools and boarding schools—enough, certainly, to provide for all the wants of the rising generation. There are theatres too. The National Theatre has an interior resembling very much the New-York Academy of Music, but the want of gas makes the place less bright and cheery. The only other theatre of importance is the Teatro Principal, which is not even as well lighted as its neighbor the National, and much more rude and primitive in construction.

Outside of the city, first among the points of interest stands Chapultepec, once the rural palace of the Spanish Viceroys, and after the overthrow of the colonial régime long disused and abandoned, until the advent of Maximilian, who commenced the restoration of the ruined palace and made it his Summer residence. The place is situated about three miles from the City of Mexico, and can be reached by a broad, straight avenue, for carriages or pedestrians, or by the horse-cars to Tacubaya, which bring you within a stone's-throw, or by the Mexico and Tlalpam Railway, stopping at the station immediately in front of the great park gates. As you enter these gates a few steps lead you into a forest of such trees as only California can equal. The first that attracted our notice stood isolated, and the trunk measured a circumference of 42 feet; a short distance ahead a clump of four or five furnished shade enough for an encampment, and as we advanced they grew more and more numerous. The tree is a sort of willow, with drooping foliage, graceful out-spreading branches, and, as may well be conceived, of majestic bearing. Many of the oldest are almost whitened with moss hanging from the branches. This forest lies at the base of a steep hill, crowned with the palace of the Viceroys and of Maximilian, and now allotted as a country residence to the Presidents of the Republic. After a long walk we came out of the woods upon the rear of the building, and climbing up, aided by some two hundred stone steps conveniently placed at the steepest passes in the ascent, we reached the court-yard of the building, a romantic spot rich with flowers, fountains, and statues. The immense building is entirely in the hands of workmen, who are renovating the habitable portions and completing the new work which the Archduke left unfinished. The furniture used by the imperial household is huddled pell-mell into the large dining hall. The rooms occupied by Maximilian open upon a wide balcony which commands a view such as no other balcony can rival. On one side stretches the fertile valley to the utmost limit of the horizon, and so far beneath the gaser that every feature of the landscape can be discerned at once. On another side the sun shines upon the waters of the large lakes that lie at the base of a mountain range from which rise the twin snow-crowned volcanoes of Popocatapetl and Istaccihuatl, each every way as glorious as Oriz aba. Directly in front of us the panorama of the city; immediately below and about are extensive flower gardens and the giant forest of which I have spoken, while above us bends a sky of spotless blue, fringed only by silvery clouds of stainless white. We wander through the many halls, and contemplate with strange feelings the beginning of Maximilian's broken plans, a beginning which gives plain indication that his restoration of this palace which he had re-christened "The Alcazar" would have been marked with the same taste that made Miramar a gem among the royal hermitages of Europe. We make our exit through the imperial gateway, capped with classic statues, upon a smooth avenue, which, with a gentle declivity, winds about, leading us into the gardens below, and out again into the highway. This avenue, too, is the work of Maximilian, for with the Viceroys this was a quasi fortress, to which it was not advisable to furnish easy access, as it commanded the approach to Mexico, and it will be remembered served in 1847 as a last intrenchment to stay the march of the American army.

We now make our way to the village of Tacubaya, noted principally for the suburban residences of Mexico's wealthiest citizens, and as we pass by park after park, in our despair we conclude it is impossible to visit all these delightful resting places unless we stay here a week. Our attention is then called to the two princely residences of Messrs. Barron and Escandon, and we take time to pass hurriedly over Mr. Barron's house and gardens, now unoccupied, as the owner is in Europe. Imagine every variety of flower that nature and culture can combine, trees native and foreign, tiny lakes and rivulets crossed by bridges of volcanic stone, a gracefully undulating ground with here and there a high rocky cliff overhung with thick clusters of green vines, easy pathways leading you for hours through these and many more such beauties—all this made enjoyable by a cool, pleasant atmosphere—and you may have some idea of the surroundings of the house. We cannot stop to speak of the paintings and engravings adorning the spacious rooms; with one last look from the balcony of the second story we must be gone. At our feet the garden, which, as our eye follows it, is confounded with the trees and landscape beyond, so that we look upon three miles of uninterrupted verdure, and then on the white city directly before us, while to our left stands the Palace of Chapultepec, in bold relief against the shining volcanoes, which we saw an hour ago from its balconies.

Coming back to the city, we walk through suburbs of another nature—through filthy streets, where squalid natives huddle in dark, unventilated hovels, and half-clad, hungry-looking children wander listlessly hither and thither. It is the seemingly inevitable contrast that is seen in every centre of population—wealth and penury, luxury and want—a contrast which is, however, the more pronounced here from the proximity in which the two extremes are found, and from the immensity of the chasm that stands between them. The riches of Mexico ripen quickly into luxury; the residence of the wealthy citizen becomes a palace, in dimension and in appointments, while, on the other hand, poverty seems to be utter helplessness and discouragement. The aboriginal race are wanting in the desire of self-improvement which clings to the poverty-stricken in other countries. Their homes are dens of disease from the foulness of the surroundings, which it does not depend upon them to correct; from want of drainage, from the decay that surrounds the immense markets in the vicinity, and all that part of the city seems altogether forgotten by the authorities. Having said thus much, let us leave the unpleasant spot and the relief pass through the well-shaded fore-garden that stands in the centre of the Cathedral square, where we may breathe for a few moments the perfumes of all these widely-differing plants of a semi-tropical climate, and then, by the light of the setting sun, we make our way back to the hotel.

here beside the fair flower that knew its first home in the North. Every zone appears to have contributed its quota to embalm the air of this unique plateau, where the tree never needs to renew its leaf, and yet where the mercury never knows higher range than 70°. Flowers grow in such profusion that every day we find great masses of them in the stores offered at such low prices that even the ill-paid laborer need not be without them. And, as it is with flowers, so with fruit. The near and the peach fraternize with the pine-apple, the banana, and the orange; in a word, when vegetable nature calls the roll of her progeny in Mexico there are no absentees.

Many efforts at improvement have been made in the city within the last few years. The town has been extended into quarters hitherto uninhabited, and fine new avenues have been opened but left unfinished. One splendid street has been opened in the heart of the city, and when completed will lead from the Cathedral to the National Theatre. Mexico gives every sign of coming prosperity; the country has a constitutionally elected President, whose installation gave rise to no *pronunciamiento*—to no revolution—and it is to be believed that when Juarez crushed the ambitious attempt of Porfirio Diaz, one of the generals who had won popularity in the war against Maximilian, and having captured the chief contemptuously released him, he struck the final blow at similar uprisings. The first years of progress must of necessity be slow in a country which, scarcely freed from an oppressive colonial administration, was addicted for more than half a century with domestic commotion, and then submitted for a time to the domination of a foreign intervention. But the progress has commenced. On the 1st of January, 1873, was inaugurated the Mexico and Vera Cruz Railway, a work of engineering which can compare with any other in the world, completed at an expense of forty millions of dollars, with a branch to Puebla. This is the only important railway in the country, and yet its influence has been already sensibly felt. It may be judged, then, what will be the mission of other roads opening a highway to the Pacific ports, and offering safe and speedy communication with the United States.

Great as is the agricultural wealth of Mexico, we know that her mineral resources are more exhaustless still. Their sleeping riches are awaiting only the latest improvements in mining machinery to be awakened and sent abroad. But with a population of 9,000,000, of whom nearly 5,000,000 are uninstructed aborigines, Mexico needs the arms of emigration to assist in this development. Let her follow the example of her sister republic, and by liberal legislation invite the foreigner to the fortune that awaits him. By a too narrow and short-sighted policy of revenue taxation let her encourage the exchange of commodities, so that her own productions may bring to her the weal

# LESSONS OF THE WAR.

## REVIEW OF EVENTS BY GEN. SHERMAN.

### INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF AN ARMY IN THE FIELD—VALUE OF THE SEVERAL ARMS OF THE SERVICE—HINTS TO CONGRESS.

[CONCLUDING CHAPTER OF AN UNPUBLISHED MEMOIR OF EVENTS OF THE WAR.]

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Having thus recorded a summary of events mostly under my own personal supervision, during the years from 1861 to 1865, it seems proper that I should add an opinion of some of the most useful military lessons to be derived therefrom.

That civil war, by reason of the existence of "slavery," was apprehended by most of the leading statesmen of the half century preceding its outbreak, is a matter of notoriety. Gen. Scott told me on my arrival at New-York as early as 1850, that the country was on the eve of "civil war." Mr. Seward had also publicly declared that no government could possibly exist half slave and half free; and yet the Government made no military preparation, and the Northern people, generally, paid no attention, took no warning of its coming, and would not realize its existence till Fort Sumter was fired on by batteries of artillery, handled by declared enemies from the surrounding islands and from the City of Charleston.

Gen. Bragg, who certainly was a man of intelligence, said to me in New-Orleans, in February, 1861, that he was convinced that the feeling between the Slave and Free States had become so embittered that it was better to part in peace; better to part any how; and as a separation was inevitable, that the South should begin at once, because the possibility of a successful effort was yearly lessened by the rapid and increasing inequality between the two sections, from the fact that all the European immigrants were coming to the Northern States and Territories, and none to the Southern.

The slave population in 1860 was near four millions, and the money value thereof not far from $2,500,000,000. Now, ignoring the moral side of the question, a cause that endangered so vast a moneyed interest was an adequate cause of anxiety and preparation, and the Northern leaders surely ought to have foreseen the danger and prepared for it. After the election of Mr. Lincoln in 1860, there was no concealment of the declaration and preparation for war in the South. In Louisiana, men were openly enlisted, officers were appointed, and war was actually begun in January, 1861. The forts at the mouth of the Mississippi were seized, and occupied by garrisons that hauled down the United States flag and hoisted that of the State. The United States arsenal at Baton Rouge was captured by New-Orleans militia, its garrison ignominiously sent off, and the contents of the arsenal distributed. These were as much acts of war as was the subsequent firing on Fort Sumter, yet no public notice was taken thereof; and when months afterward I came North, I found not one single sign of preparation. It was for this reason, somewhat, that the people of the South became convinced that those of the North were pusillanimous and cowardly, and the Southern leaders were thereby enabled to commit their people to the war nominally in defense of their slave property.

Then when war was actually begun, it was by a call for seventy-five thousand "ninety-day" men, I suppose to fulfill Mr. Seward's prophecy that the war would last but ninety days.

EARLY STEPS OF THE GOVERNMENT WAVERING AND WEAK.

The earlier steps by our political Government were extremely wavering and weak. But as soon as Mr. Lincoln was installed there was no longer any reason why Congress and the Cabinet should have hesitated. They should have measured the cause, provided the means, and left the Executive to apply the remedy.

At the time of Mr. Lincoln's inauguration, viz., March 4, 1861, the regular army by law consisted of two regiments of dragoons, two regiments of cavalry, one regiment of mounted rifles, four regiments of artillery, and ten regiments of infantry, admitting of an aggregate strength of 13,024 officers and men, and on the subsequent 4th of May the President by his own orders (afterward sanctioned by Congress) added a regiment of cavalry, a regiment of artillery, and eight regiments of infantry, which, with the former army, admitted of a strength of 21,973, but at no time during the war did the regular army attain a strength of 25,000 men.

ORGANIZATION OF THE INFANTRY.

To the new regiments of infantry was given an organization differing from any that had heretofore prevailed in this country—of three battalions of eight companies each; but at no time did more than one of these regiments attain this full standard; nor, in the vast army of volunteers that was raised during the war, were any of the regiments of infantry formed on the three-battalion system, but these were universally single battalions of ten companies; so that, on the reorganization of the Regular Army at the close of the war, Congress adopted the form of twelve companies for the regiments of cavalry and artillery, and that of ten companies for the infantry, which is the present standard.

Inasmuch as the Regular Army will naturally form the standard of organization for any increase or for new regiments of volunteers, it becomes important to study this subject in the light of past experience, and to select that form which is best for peace as well as war.

THE CAVALRY.

A cavalry regiment is now composed of twelve companies, usually divided into six squadrons of two companies each, or better, subdivided into three battalions of four companies each. This is an excellent form, easily admitting of subdivision as well as union into larger masses.

A single battalion of four companies with a field officer, will compose a good body for a garrison, for a separate expedition, or for a detachment; and in war, three regiments would compose a good brigade, three brigades a division, and three divisions a strong cavalry corps, such as was formed and fought by Gens. Sheridan and Wilson during the war.

In the artillery arm the officers differ widely in their opinion of the true organization. A single company forms a battery, and habitually each battery acts separately, though sometimes several are united or "massed," but these always act in concert with cavalry or infantry.

Nevertheless, the regimental organization has always been maintained in this country for classification and promotion. Twelve companies compose a regiment, and though probably no Colonel ever commanded his full regiment in the form of twelve batteries, yet in peace they occupy our heavy sea-coast forts or act as infantry. Then the regimental organization is both necessary and convenient.

INFANTRY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY.

But the "infantry" composes the great mass of all armies, and the true form of the regiment or unit has been the subject of infinite discussion, and, as I have stated, during the civil war the regiment was a single battalion of ten companies. In olden times the regiment was composed of eight battalion companies, and two flank companies. The first and tenth companies were armed with rifles, and were styled and used as "skirmishers," but during the war they were never used exclusively for that special purpose, and in fact no distinction existed between them and the other eight companies.

The ten-company organization is therefore awkward in practice, and I am satisfied that the infantry regiments should have the same identical organization as exists for the cavalry and artillery, viz., twelve companies, so as to be susceptible of division into three battalions of four companies each.

These companies should habitually be about 100 men strong, giving 1,200 to a regiment which in practice would settle down to about 1,000 men.

FORMATION OF BRIGADES, DIVISIONS, AND CORPS.

Three such regiments would compose a brigade, three brigades a division, and three divisions a corps. Then, by allowing to an infantry corps a brigade of cavalry and six batteries of field artillery, we would constitute an efficient corps d'armée of 25,000 men, whose organization would be simple and most efficient, and whose strength should never be allowed to fall below 25,000 men.

The corps is the true unit for grand campaigns and battle, and should have a full and perfect staff and everything requisite for separate action, ready at all times to be detached and sent off for any nature of service. The General in command should have the rank of Lieutenant General, and should be of experience and education equal to anything in the land. Habitually, to be was a Major General, carefully selected and educated to the command by all kinds of the previous, continuous, in fact, a separate grade.

The division is the unit of administration, and is the legitimate command of a Major General.

The brigade is the next subdivision, and is commanded by a Brigadier General.

The regiment is the family. The Colonel, as the father, should have a personal acquaintance with every officer and man, and should instill a feeling of pride and affection for himself, so that his men would naturally look to him for personal advice and instruction. In war the regiment should never be subdivided; but should always be maintained entire. In peace this is impossible.

The company is the true unit of discipline, and the Captain is the company. A good Captain makes a good company, and he should have the power to reward as well as punish. The fact that soldiers would naturally like to have a good fellow for their Captain, is the best reason why he should be appointed by the Colonel, or by some superior authority, instead of being elected by the men.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In the United States the people are the "Sovereign," and all power originally proceeds from them, and, therefore, the election of officers by the men is the common rule. But an army is not a popular organization, but is an animated machine; an instrument in the hands of the Executive for enforcing the law, and maintaining the honor and dignity of the nation, and the President, as the constitutional Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, should exercise the power of appointment—subject to the confirmation of the Senate—of the officers of "volunteers" as well as of "regulars."

No army can be efficient unless it be a unit for action; and the power must come from above, not from below; the President usually delegates his power to the Commander in Chief next below, and he to the next, and so on down to the lowest actual commander of troops, however small the detachment. No matter how troops come together, when once united the highest officer in rank is held responsible, and is consequently armed with the fullest power of the Executive, subject only to law and existing orders. The more simple the principle the greater the likelihood of determined action; and the less a commanding officer is circumscribed by bounds and by precedent, the greater is the probability that he will make the best use of his command and produce the best results.

The regular army and the Military Academy at West Point have in the past provided and doubtless will in the future provide an ample supply of good officers for future wars; but should their numbers be insufficient, we can always safely rely on the great number of young men of education and force of character throughout the country to supplement them. At the close of our civil war, lasting four years, some of our best corps and division generals as well as staff officers, were from civil life, but I cannot recall any of the most successful, who did not regret that he had not received in early life instruction in the elementary principles that underlie the art of war, and which he had been forced to acquire in the dangerous and expensive school of actual war.

THE REAL DIFFICULTY.

But the real difficulty was, and will be again, to obtain an adequate number of good soldiers. We tried almost every system known to modern nations, all with more or less success—Voluntary enlistments, the draft, and bought substitutes—and I think that all officers of experience will confirm my assertion that the men who voluntarily enlisted at the outbreak of the war were the best, better than the conscript, and far better than the bought substitute. Once organized, the regiment should be kept full by recruits, and when it becomes difficult to obtain more recruits, the pay should be raised by Congress, instead of tempting new men by exaggerated bounties. I believe it would have been more economical to have raised the pay of the soldier to $30, or even $50 a month, than to have held out the promise of $300, and even $600, in the form of bounty. Toward the close of the war, I have often heard the soldiers complain that the "stay-at-home" men got better pay, bounties, and food than they who were exposed to all the dangers and vicissitudes of the battles and marches at the front. The feeling of the soldier should be that in every event the sympathy and preference of the government is for him who fights, rather than for him who is on provost or guard duty to the rear, and like most men, he measures this by the amount of pay. Of course, the soldier must be trained to obedience and should be "content with his wages," but whoever has commanded an army in the field knows the difference between a willing, contented mass of men, and one that feels a cause of grievance. There is a soul to an army as well as to the individual man, and no General can accomplish the full work of his army, unless he commands the soul of his men, as well as their bodies and legs.

The greatest mistake made in our civil war was in the mode of recruitment and promotion. When a regiment became reduced by the necessary wear and tear of service, instead of being filled up at the bottom, and the vacancies among the officers filled from the best non-commissioned officers and men, the habit was to raise new regiments, with new Colonels, Captains, and men, leaving the old and experienced battalions to dwindle away into mere skeleton organizations. I believe with the volunteers this matter was left to the State exclusively, and I remember that Wisconsin kept her regiments filled with recruits, whereas other States generally filled their quotas by new regiments, and the result was that we estimated a Wisconsin regiment equal to an ordinary brigade. I believe that 500 new men added to an old and experienced regiment, were more valuable than a thousand men in the form of a new regiment, for the former by association with good experienced Captains, Lieutenants, and non-commissioned officers, soon became veterans, whereas the latter were generally unavailable for a year. The German method of recruitment is simply perfect, and there is no good reason why we should not follow it substantially.

On a road marching by the flank, it would be considered "good order" to have 5,000 men to a mile, so that a full corps of 30,000 men would extend six miles; but, with the average trains and batteries of artillery, the probabilities are that it would draw out to ten miles. On a long and regular march the divisions and brigades should alternate in the lead, and the leading division should be on the road by the earliest dawn, and march at the rate of about two miles, or, at most, two and a half miles an hour, so as to reach camp by noon. Even then the rear divisions and trains will hardly reach camp much before night. Theoretically, a marching column should preserve such order that by simply halting and facing to the right or left it would be in line of battle; but this is rarely the case, and generally deployments are made "forward," by conducting each brigade by the flank obliquely to the right or left to its approximate position in line of battle and there deployed. In such a line of battle a brigade of 3,000 infantry would occupy a mile of "front;" but for a strong line of battle, 5,000 men with two batteries should be allowed to each mile, or a division would habitually constitute a double line, with skirmishers and reserve, on a mile of "front."

THE FEEDING OF AN ARMY.

The "feeding" of an army is a matter of the most vital importance, and demands the earliest attention of the General intrusted with a campaign. To be strong, healthy, and capable of the largest measure of physical effort the soldier needs about three pounds gross of food per day, and the horse or mule about twenty pounds. When a General first estimates the quantity of food and forage needed for an army of 50,000 or a 100,000 men, he is apt to be dismayed, and here a good staff is indispensable; though the General cannot throw off on them the responsibility. He must give the subject his personal attention, for the army reposes in him alone, and should never doubt the fact that their existence overrides in importance all other considerations, and once satisfied of this, and that all has been done that can be, the soldiers are always willing to bear the largest measure of privation. Probably no army ever had a more varied experience in this regard than the one I commanded in 1864-5.

Our base of supply was at Nashville, supplied by railways and the Cumberland River, thence by rail to Chattanooga, "secondary base," and thence forward a single track railroad. The stores came forward daily, but I endeavored to have on hand a full supply for twenty days in advance. These stores were habitually in the wagon trains, distributed to corps, divisions, and regiments, in charge of experienced Quartermasters and commissaries, and became subject to the orders of the Generals commanding these bodies. These were generally issued on days of no previous requisition, but these had to be closely scrutinized, for too often the Colonels would make requisitions for provisions for more men than they reported for battle. Of course there are always a good many non-combatants with an army, but after careful study I limited their number to twenty-five per cent. of the "effective strength," and that was found to be liberal. An ordinary army wagon drawn by six mules may be counted on to carry three thousand pounds net, equal to the food of a full regiment for one day, but by driving along beef cattle a commissary may safely count the contents of one wagon as sufficient for two days' food for a regiment of a thousand men; and as 6 corps should have food on hand for twenty days ready for detachment, it should have three hundred such wagons as a provision train, and for forage, ammunition, clothing and other necessary stores, it was found necessary to have three hundred more wagons or six hundred wagons in all for a corps d'armée.

These should be absolutely under the immediate control of the corps commander, who will, however, find it economical to distribute them in due proportion to his divisions, brigades, and even regiments. Each regiment ought usually to have at least one wagon for convenience to distribute stores, and each company two pack mules, so that the regiment may always be certain of a meal on reaching camp, without waiting for the larger trains.

On long marches the artillery and wagon trains should always have the right of way, and the troops should improvise roads to one side, unless forced to use a bridge in common, and all trains should have escorts to protect them, and to assist them in bad places. To this end there is nothing like actual experience, only, unless the officers in command give the subject their personal attention, they will find their wagon trains loaded down with tents, personal baggage, and even the arms and knapsacks of the escort. Each soldier should, if not actually "sick or wounded," carry his musket and equipments containing from forty to sixty rounds of ammunition, his shelter-tent, a blanket or overcoat, and an extra pair of pants, socks, and drawers, in the form of a scarf, worn from the left shoulder to the right side, in lieu of knapsack; and in his haversack he should carry some bread, cooked meat, salt, and coffee. I do not believe a soldier should be loaded down too much, but, including his clothing, arms, and equipment, he can carry about fifty pounds without impairing his health or activity. A simple calculation will show that by such a distribution a corps will thus carry the equivalent of 500 wagon-loads—an immense relief to the trains.

Where an army is near one of our many large navigable rivers, or has the safe use of a railway, it can usually be supplied with the full army ration, which is by far the best furnished to any army in America or Europe; but when it is compelled to operate away from such a base, and is dependent on its own train of wagons, the commanding officer must exercise a wise discretion in the selection of his stores. In my opinion, there is no better food for man than beef cattle driven on the hoof, issued liberally, with salt, bacon, and bread. Coffee has also become almost indispensable, though many substitutes were found for it, such as Indian corn, roasted, ground, and boiled as coffee; the sweet potato, and the seed of the okra plant prepared in the same way. All these were used by the people of the South, who for years could procure no coffee; but I noticed that the women always begged of us some *real* coffee, which seems to satisfy a natural yearning or craving more powerful than can be accounted for on the theory of habit. Therefore I would always advise that the coffee and sugar ration be carried along, even at the expense of bread, for which there are many substitutes. Of these, Indian corn is the best and most abundant. Parched in a frying-pan, it is excellent food, or it ground, or pounded and boiled with meat of any sort, it makes a most nutritious meal. The potato, both Irish and sweet, forms an excellent substitute for bread, and at Savannah we found the rice also suitable, both for men and animals. For the former it should be cleaned of its husk in a hominy block, easily prepared out of a log, and sifted with a coarse corn bag; but for horses it should be fed in the straw. During the Atlanta campaign we were supplied by our regular commissaries with all sorts of patent compounds, such as desiccated vegetables, and concentrated milk, meat, biscuit, and sausages; but somehow the men preferred the simpler and more familiar forms of food, and usually styled these "desecrated vegetables and consecrated milk." We were also supplied liberally with lime-juice, sauerkraut, and pickles as an antidote to scurvy; and I now recall the extreme anxiety of my Medical Director, Dr. Kittoe, about the scurvy, which he reported at one time as spreading and imperiling the army. This occurred at a crisis about Kenesaw, when the railroad was taxed to its utmost to provide the necessary ammunition, food, and forage, and could not possibly bring us an adequate supply of potatoes and cabbage, the usual antiscorbutics, when providentially the blackberries ripened and proved an admirable antidote, and I have known the skirmish line without orders, to fight a respectable battle for the possession of some old fields that were full of blackberries. Soon thereafter the green corn or roasting ear came into season, and I heard no more of the scurvy. Our country abounds with plants that can be utilized for a preventive to the scurvy. Besides the above, the persimmon, the sassafras root and bud, the wild mustard, turnip tops and the dandelion cooked as greens, and a decoction of the ordinary pine leaf.

FOOD FOR THE SICK.

For the more delicate and costly articles of food for the sick we relied mostly on the agents of the sanitary commissions. I do not wish to doubt the value of these organizations that gained so much applause during our civil war, for no one can question the motives of these charitable and generous people; but to be honest I must record an opinion that the Sanitary Commission should limit its operations to the hospitals at the rear, and should never appear at the front. They were generally local in feeling and aimed to furnish their personal friends and neighbors with a better class of food than the Government supplied, and the consequence was that one regiment of a brigade would receive potatoes and fruit which would be denied another regiment close by. Jealousy would be the inevitable result, and in an army all parts should be equal; there should be no "partiality, favor, or affection." The Government should supply all essential wants, and in the hospitals to the rear will be found abundant opportunities for the exercise of all possible charity and generosity. During the war I several times gained the ill-will of the agents of the Sanitary Commission because I forbade their coming to the front unless they would consent to distribute their stores equally among all, regardless of the parties who had contributed them.

The sick, wounded, and dead of an army are the subjects of the greatest possible anxiety, and add an immense amount of labor to the well men. Each regiment in an active campaign should have a surgeon and two assistants always close at hand, and each brigade and division should have an experienced surgeon as a medical director. The great majority of wounds and of sickness should be treated by the regimental surgeon on the ground under the eye of the Colonel, and as few should be sent to the brigade or division hospital, as possible, for the men always receive better care with their own regiment than with strangers, and as a rule the cure is more certain; but when men receive disabling wounds, or have sickness likely to become permanent, the sooner they go far to the rear the better for all. The tent, or the shelter of a tree is a better hospital than a house, whose walls absorb fetid and poisonous emanations, and then give them back to the atmosphere. To men accustomed to the open air, and who live on the plainest food, wounds seem to give less pain, and are attended with less danger to life than to ordinary soldiers in barracks.

Wounds which in 1861 would have sent a man to the hospital for months, in 1865 were regarded as mere scratches, rather the subject of a joke than of sorrow. To new soldiers the sight of blood and death always has a sickening effect, but soon men become accustomed to it, and I have heard them exclaim on seeing a dead comrade borne to the rear, "Well, Bill has turned up his toes to the daisies." Of course during a skirmish or battle armed men should never leave their ranks to attend a dead or wounded comrade; this should be seen to in advance by the Colonel, who should designate his musicians or company cooks as hospital attendants with a white rag on their arm to indicate their office. A wounded man should go himself (if able) to the surgeon near at hand, or, if he need help he should receive it from one of the attendants and bear comrade. It is wonderful how soon the sole instinct of self-preservation returns to the wounded soldier, and he will crawl to the rear, or to a place of safety, with a coolness and judgment that is astonishing. In great battles these matters call for a more enlarged attention, and then it becomes the duty of the division General to see that proper stretchers and field hospitals are ready for the wounded and trenches are dug for the dead. There should be no real neglect of the dead, as it has a bad effect on the living; for each soldier values himself and comrade as highly as though he were living in a good house at home.

The Regimental Chaplain, if any, usually attends the burials from the hospital, and should make notes and communicate details to the Captain of the company and to the family at home. Of course it is usually impossible to mark the graves with names, dates, &c., and consequently the names of the "unknown" in our national cemeteries equal about one-half of all the dead.

HOW THE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT.

Very few of the battles in which I have participated were fought as described in European text books, viz.: in great masses, in perfect order, manœuvring by corps, divisions, and brigades. We were generally in a wooded country, and though our lines were deployed according to the tactics, the men generally fought in strong skirmish lines, taking every advantage of the shape of ground, and of every cover. We were generally the assailants, and in wooded and broken countries the "defensive" had a positive advantage over us, for they were always ready, had cover, and always knew the ground to their immediate front, whereas, we, their assailants, had to grope our way over unknown ground, and generally found a cleared field or prepared entanglements that held us for a time under a close and withering fire. Rarely did the opposing lines in compact order come into actual contact, but when, as at Peach-tree Creek and at Atlanta, the lines did become commingled, the men fought individually in every possible style, more frequently with the musket clubbed than with the bayonet, and in some instances the men clinched like wrestlers and went to the ground together. Europeans frequently criticised our war, because we did not always take full advantage of a victory; the true reason was that habitually the woods served as a screen, and we often did not realize the fact that our enemy had retreated, till he was already miles away and was again intrenched, having left a thin skirmish line to cover the movement and to fall back to the new position. Our war was fought with the muzzle-loading rifle. Toward the close I had one brigade (Walcutt's) armed with breech-loading "Spencer's;" the cavalry generally had breech-loading carbines, "Spencer's" and "Sharpe's," both of which were good arms. The only change that breech-loading arms will probably make in the art and practice of war will be to increase the amount of ammunition to be expended, and necessarily to be carried along; to still further "thin out" the lines of attack, and to reduce battles to short, quick, decisive conflicts. It does not in the least affect the grand strategy, or the necessity for perfect organization, drill, and discipline. The companies and battalions will be more dispersed, and the men will be less under the immediate eye of their officers, and therefore a higher order of intelligence and courage on the part of the individual soldier will be an element of strength.

When a regiment is deployed as skirmishers, and crosses an open field or wood under heavy fire, if each man runs forward from tree to tree, or stump to stump, and yet preserves a good general alignment, it will give great confidence to the men themselves, for they always keep their eyes well to the right and left, and watch their comrades; but when some few hold back, stick too close or too long to a comfortable log, it often stops the whole line and defeats the whole object. Therefore, the more we improve the firearm, the more will be the necessity of good organization, good discipline, and intelligence on the part of the individual soldier and officer. There is, of course, such a thing as individual courage, which has a value in war, but familiarity with danger, experience in war, and its common attendants, and personal habit, are equally valuable traits, and these are the qualities with which we usually have to deal in war. All men naturally shrink from pain and danger, and only incur its risks from some higher motive or from habit, and I would define true courage to be a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to incur it, rather than that insensibility to danger of which I have heard far more than I have seen. The most courageous men are generally unconscious of possessing the quality; and, therefore, when one professes it too openly by words or bearing, there is reason to mistrust it. I would further illustrate my meaning by describing a man of true courage to be one who possesses all his faculties and senses perfectly when serious danger is actually present.

VALUES OF THE SEVERAL ARMS OF THE SERVICE.

Modern wars have not materially changed the relative values or proportions of the several arms of service: infantry, artillery, cavalry, and engineers. If anything, the infantry has been increased in value. The danger of cavalry attempting to charge infantry armed with breech-loading rifles was fully illustrated at Sedan, and with us very frequently. So improbable has such a thing become that we have omitted the infantry square from our recent tactics. Still, cavalry against cavalry, and as auxiliary to infantry, will always be valuable, while all great wars will, as heretofore, depend chiefly on the infantry. Artillery is more valuable with new and inexperienced troops than with veterans. In the early stages of the war, the field guns often bore the proportion of six to a thousand men, but toward the close of the war one gun, or at most two, to a thousand men, was deemed enough. Sieges, such as characterized the wars of the last century, are too slow for this period of the world, and the Prussians recently almost ignored them altogether, penetrated France between the forts, and left a superior force "in observation" to watch the garrison and accept its surrender when the greater events of the war made further resistance useless—but earth forts, and especially field works, will hereafter play an important part in wars, because they enable a minor force to hold a superior one in check for a *time*, and time is a most valuable element in all wars. It was one of Prof. Mahan's maxims that the spade was as useful in war as the musket, and to this I will add the ax. The habit of intrenching certainly does have the effect of making new troops timid. When a line of battle is once covered by a good parapet, made by the engineers or by the labor of the men, it does require an effort to make them leave it in the face of danger; but when the enemy is intrenched it becomes absolutely necessary to permit each brigade and division of the troops immediately opposed, to throw up a corresponding trench for their own protection in case of a sudden sally. We invariably did this in all our recent campaigns, and it had no ill effect, though sometimes our troops were a little too slow in leaving their well-covered lines to assail the enemy in position or on retreat. Even our skirmishers were in the habit of rolling logs together, or of making a lunette of rails with dirt in front to cover their bodies, and though it revealed their position I cannot say that it worked a bad effect; so that as a rule it may safely be left to the men themselves. On the "defensive" there is no doubt of the propriety of fortifying, but in the assailing army the General must watch closely to see that his men do not neglect an opportunity to drop his precautionary defenses, and act promptly on the "offensive" at every chance.

I have many a time crept forward to the skirmish line to avail myself of the cover of the pickets' "little fort" to observe more closely some expected result; and I always talked familiarly with the men, and was astonished to see how well they comprehended the general object, and how accurately they were informed of the state of facts existing miles away from their particular corps. Soldiers are very quick to catch the general drift and purpose of a campaign, and are always sensible when they are well commanded or well cared for. Once impressed with this fact, and that they are making progress, they bear cheerfully any amount of labor and privation.

In camp, and especially in the presence of an active enemy, it is much easier to maintain discipline than in barracks in time of peace. Crime and breaches of discipline are much less frequent, and the necessity for courts-martial far less. The Captain can usually inflict all the punishment necessary, and the Colonel should always. The field officers' court is the best form for war, viz., one of the field officers—the Lieutenant Colonel or Major—can examine the case and report his verdict, and the Colonel should execute it. Of course there are statutory offenses which demand a general court-martial, and these must be ordered by the division or corps commander; but the presence of one of our regular civilian judge advocates in an army in the field would be a first-class nuisance, for technical courts always work mischief. The many mere matters of form incident to such courts, the delays, the constant appeals to technicalities, the jealousy of military men for the reputation of their commands, all tend to impair the efficiency of an army, and I would limit the number of general courts-martial in any command to the narrowest possible limit, consistent with justice to the accused.

USE OF THE MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

For the rapid transmission of orders in an army covering a large space of ground, the magnetic telegraph is far the best, though habitually the paper and pencil, with good mounted orderlies, answer every purpose. I have little faith in the signal service by flags and torches, though we always used them, because almost invariably when they were most needed the view was cut off by intervening trees or by mists and fogs. There was one notable instance in my experience. When the signal flags carried a message of vital importance over the heads of Hood's army, which had interposed between me and Alatoona, and broken the telegraph wires—as recorded in my "Recollections;" but the value of the magnetic telegraph in war cannot be exaggerated, as was illustrated by the perfect concert of action between the armies in Virginia and in Georgia in all 1864. Hardly a day intervened when Gen. Grant did not know the exact state of facts with me, more than 1,500 miles off as the wires ran. So, on the field a thin insulated wire may be run on improvised stakes, or from tree to tree, for six or more miles in a couple of hours, and I have seen operators so skillful that by cutting the wire they would receive a message with their tongues from a distant station. As a matter of course the ordinary commercial wires along the railways form the usual telegraph lines for an army, and these are easily repaired and extended as the army advances, but each army and wing should have a small corps of skilled men to put up the field wire and take it down when done. This is far better than the signal flags and torches. Our commercial telegraph lines will always supply for war enough skillful operators.

THE VALUE OF RAILWAYS.

The value of railways is also fully recognized in war quite as much, if not more so, than in peace. The Atlanta campaign would simply have been impossible without the use of the railroads from Louisville to Nashville, (185 miles,) from Nashville to Chattanooga, (151 miles,) and from Chattanooga to Atlanta, (137 miles.) Every mile of this "single track" was so delicate that one man could in a minute have broken or moved a rail, but our trains usually carried along the tools and means to repair such a break. We had, however, to maintain strong guards and garrisons at each important bridge or trestle—the destruction of which would have necessitated time for rebuilding. For the protection of a bridge, one or two log block-houses, two stories high, with a piece of ordnance and a small infantry guard usually sufficed. The block-house had a small parapet and ditch about it, and the roof was made shot-proof by earth piled on. These points could usually only be reached by a dash of the enemy's cavalry, and many of these block-houses successfully resisted both cavalry and artillery.

The only block-house that was actually captured on the main line was the one described near Alatoona. Our trains from Nashville forward were operated under military rules and ran about ten miles an hour in gangs of four trains of ten cars each. Four such groups of trains daily made 160 cars, of ten tons each, making 1,600 tons, which exceeded the absolute necessity of the army and allowed for the accidents that were common and inevitable. But, as I have recorded, that single stem of railroad, 473 miles long, supplied an army of 100,000 men and 35,000 animals for the period of 196 days, viz.: from May 1 to Nov. 12, 1864. To have delivered regularly that amount of food and forage by ordinary wagons would have required 36,800 wagons of six mules each, allowing each wagon to have hauled two tons twenty miles each day, a simple impossibility in roads such as then existed in that region of country. Therefore I reiterate that the Atlanta campaign was an impossibility without these railroads, and only then because we had the means to maintain and defend the road in addition to what were necessary to overcome the enemy. Habitually a passenger car will carry fifty men with their necessary baggage. Box cars and even platform cars answer the purpose well enough, but they should always have rough board seats. For sick and wounded men, box cars, filled with straw or bushes, were usually employed. Personally I saw but little of the practical working of the railroads, for I only turned back once as far as Resaca; but I had daily reports from the engineer in charge, and officers who came from the rear often explained to me the whole thing, with a description of the wrecked trains all the way from Nashville to Atlanta. I am convinced that the risk to life to the engineers and men on that railroad, fully equalled that on the skirmish line, called for as high an order of courage and fully equalled it in importance. Still I doubt if there be any necessity to organize a corps specially to work the military railroads in time of war, because in peace these same men gain all the necessary experience, possess all the daring and courage of soldiers, and only need the occasional protection and assistance of the necessary train guard, which may be composed of the furloughed men coming and going, or of details made from the local garrisons to the rear.

For the transfer of large armies by rail, from one theatre of action to another by the rear—the cases of the transfer of the Eleventh and Twelfth Corps—Gen. Hooker, 23,000 men—from the East to Chattanooga, 1,192 miles in seven days, in the Fall of 1863; and that of the Army of the Ohio—Gen. Schofield, 13,000 men—from the Valley of the Tennessee to Washington, 1,400 miles in eleven days, en route to North Carolina in January, 1865, are the best examples of which I have any knowledge, and reference to these is made in the Report of the Secretary of War, Mr. Stanton, dated Nov. 22, 1865.

Engineer troops attached to an army are habitually employed in supervising the construction of forts or field works, of a nature more permanent than the lines used by the troops in motion, in repairing roads, and in making bridges. I had several regiments of this kind that were most useful, but as a rule we used the infantry or employed parties of freedmen, who worked on the trenches at night while the soldiers slept, and these in turn rested by day. Habitually the repair of the railroad and its bridges was committed to hired laborers, like the English navvies, under the supervision of Col. W. W. Wright, a railroad engineer, who was in the military service at the time, and his successful labors were frequently referred to in the official reports of the time. For the passage of rivers, each army corps had a pontoon train, with a detachment of engineers, and on reaching a river the leading division was charged with the labor of putting it down. Generally the single pontoon train could provide for 900 feet of bridge, which sufficed; but when the rivers were very wide two such trains would be brought together, or the single train was supplemented with a trestle bridge, or bridges made on crib work, and out of timber found near the place. The pontoons in general use were skeleton frames, made with a hinge, so as to fold back and constitute a wagon body. In this same wagon were carried the cotton canvas cover, the anchor and chains, and a due proportion of the balks, chesses, and lashings. All the troops became very familiar with their mechanism and use, and we were rarely delayed by reason of a river, however broad. I saw, recently, in Aldershot, England, a very complete pontoon train, but the boats were sheathed with wood and felt, made very light, but I think these were more liable to chafing and damage in rough handling than were our less expensive and rougher boats. On the whole I would prefer the skeleton frame and canvas cover to any style of pontoon that I have seen.

GUARDS, PICKETS, AND VIDETTES.

In relation to guards, pickets, and videttes, I doubt if any discoveries or improvements were made during our war, or in any of the modern wars in Europe. These precautions vary with the nature of the country and the situation of each army. When advancing or retreating in line of battle the usual skirmish line constitutes the picket line, and may have "reserves," but usually the main line of battle constitutes the reserve; and in this connection I will state that the recent innovation introduced into the new infantry tactics by Gen. Upton is admirable, for by it each regiment, brigade, and division deployed sends forward as "skirmishers" the one man of each set of fours, to cover its own front, and these can be recalled or reinforced at pleasure by the bugle signal.

For flank guards and rear guards, one or more companies should be detached under their own officers, instead of making up the guard by detailing men from the several companies.

For regimental or camp guards, the details should be made according to the existing army regulations; and all the guards should be posted early in the evening, so as to afford each sentinel or vidette a chance to study his ground before it is too dark.

HINTS TO THE STAFF.

In like manner as to the staff. The more intimately it comes into contact with the troops, the more useful and valuable it becomes. The almost entire separation of the staff from the line, as now practiced by us, and hitherto by the French, has proved mischievous, and the great retinues of staff officers with which some of our earlier Generals began the war were simply ridiculous. I don't believe in a chief of staff at all, and any General commanding an army, corps, or division that has a staff officer who professes to know more than his chief is to be pitied. Each regiment should have a competent Adjutant, Quartermaster, and Commissary, with two or three medical officers. Each brigade commander should have the same staff, with the addition of a couple of young aides de camp, habitually selected from the subalterns of the brigade, who should be good riders, and intelligent enough to give and explain the orders of their General.

The same staff will answer for a division. The General in command of a separate army, and of a corps d'armée, should have the same professional assistance, with two or more good engineers, and his Adjutant General should exercise all the functions usually ascribed to a chief of staff, viz.: He should possess the ability to comprehend the scope of operations, and to make verbally and in writing all the orders and details necessary to carry into effect the views of his General, as well as to keep the returns and records of events for the information of the next higher authority, and for history. A bulky staff implies a division of responsibility, slowness of action, and indecision, whereas a small staff implies activity and concentration of purpose. The smallness of Gen. Grant's staff throughout the civil war forms the best model for future imitation. So of tents, officers' furniture, &c., &c. In real war these should all be discarded, and an army is efficient for action and motion exactly in the inverse ratio of its impedimenta. Tents should be omitted altogether, save one to a regiment for an office and a few for the division hospital. Officers should be content with a tent fly, improvising poles and shelter out of bushes. The tente-d'abris, or shelter tent, carried by the soldier himself, is all sufficient. Officers should never seek for houses, but share the condition of their men.

A recent message, July 18, 1874, made to the French Assembly by Marshal MacMahon, President of the French Republic, submits a project d'loi with a report prepared by a board of French Generals on "army administration," which is full of information, and is as applicable to us as to the French. I quote from its very beginning: "The misfortunes of the campaign of 1870 have demonstrated the inferiority of our system." "Two separate organizations existed with parallel functions, the 'General' more occupied in giving direction to his troops than in providing for their material wants, which he regarded as the special province of the staff, and the 'Intendant' (staff) often working at random, taking on his shoulders a crushing burden of functions and duties, exhausting himself with useless efforts, and aiming to accomplish an insufficient service, to the disappointment of everybody. This separation of the administration and command, this co-existence of two wills, each independent of the other, which paralyzed both and annulled the dualism, was condemned. It was decided by the board that this error should be 'proscribed' in the new military system." The report then goes on at great length discussing the provisions of the "new law," which is described to be a radical change from the old one on the same subject. While conceding to the Minister of War in Paris the general control and supervision of the entire military establishment—primarily—especially of the estimates or budget, and the great depots of supply, it distributes to the commanders of the corps d'armée in time of peace, and to all army commanders generally in time of war, the absolute command of the money, provisions and stores, with the necessary staff-officers to receive, issue, and account for them. I quote further: "The object of this law is to confer on the commander of troops whatever liberty of action the case demands. He has the power even to go beyond the regulations in circumstances of urgency and pressing necessity. The extraordinary measures he may take on these occasions may require their execution without delay. The staff-officer has but one duty before obeying, and that is to submit his observations to the General and to ask his orders in writing. With this formality his responsibility ceases, and the responsibility for the extraordinary act falls solely on the General who gives the order. The officers and agents charged with supplies are placed under the orders of the General in command of the troops, that is, they are obliged both in war and peace to obey with the single qualification above named, of first making their observations and securing the written order of the General."

A REGULATION WHICH SHOULD BE ALTERED.

With us to-day the law and regulations are that no matter what may be the emergency, the commanding General in Texas, New-Mexico, and the remote frontiers, cannot draw from the arsenals a pistol cartridge, or any sort of ordnance stores, without first procuring an order of the Secretary of War in Washington. The Commanding General—though intrusted with the lives of his soldiers and with the safety of a frontier in a condition of chronic war—cannot touch or be trusted with ordnance stores or property, and that is declared to be the law. Every officer of the old army remembers how in 1861 we were hampered with the old blue army regulations, which tied our hands, and that to do anything positive and necessary we had to tear it all to pieces—cut the red tape as it was called—a dangerous thing for an army to do, and was calculated to bring the law and authority into contempt; but war was upon us, and overwhelming necessity overrides all law.

This French report is well worthy the study of our Army officers of all grades and classes, and I will only refer again, casually,

# The New York Times.

## TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1874.


*AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.*

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—The Sphynx—Mr. Parselle, Mr. Rankin, Miss Morris, and Miss Thompson. Matinée at 1:30.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—The School for Scandal—Mr. Harkins, Mr. James, Miss Dyas, and Miss Jewett. Matinée at 1:30.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—La Princesse de Trebisonde—Mlle. Aimée, Mlle. Gaudon, M. Duplan. Matinée at 1:30.

BIJOU'S GARDEN.—The Deluge; or, Paradise Lost—Kiraify Brothers, Miss Julia Seaman, Grand Ballet. Matinée at 1:30.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Connie Soogah—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams and others. Matinée at 1:30.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Uncle Dick's Darling—Principal character by Mr. Toole. Matinée at 1:30.

PARK THEATRE.—Gilded Age—Mr. Raymond and others. Matinée at 2.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—Minstrelsy—Negro Delineations, &c.—Mr. Bryant, Mr. Seymour. Matinée at 2.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.—Variety Entertainment—Mme. Violette Picaut and others. Matinée at 2.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performance afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—Minstrelsy and Negro Comicalities—Messrs. Birch, Wambold, and Backus.

STEINWAY HALL.—Grand Concert—Mlle. Di Murska. Matinée at 2.

CENTRAL PARK GARDEN.—Grand Instrumental Concert—Gilmore's Twenty-second Regiment Band.

BOWERY THEATRE.—Nick of the Woods—Object of Interest—Gamerock of the Wilderness.

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*A NEW STORY.*

*On Sunday, the 4th October, we shall publish a new story, written expressly for* The New-York Times, *by* Thomas Hardy, *author of "A Pair of Blue Eyes," "Far From the Madding Crowd," &c. The story, which will be complete in one number, is entitled "Destiny and a Blue Cloak."*

While the Commissioners of Accounts are engaged in examining the records of the Fire Department, it is to be hoped that they will not fail to let the public know something about the contract for the Scott-Uda aerial fire-ladder. Twenty-five thousand dollars seems a monstrously large sum to pay for the right to manufacture a contrivance which failed to stand the test of any trial to which the public were admitted. The entire proceedings in regard to the adoption of this invention savor very strongly of a job. The remarkable fee paid by the Corporation Counsel for searching the patent records, and the equally remarkable opinion in which he refused to make any attempt to protect the City against an extortionate charge for a questionable privilege, are not among the least discreditable features of a transaction which stands greatly in want of elucidation.

Cotton manufacturers declare that there is such a depression in their business that a reduction of stocks is absolutely necessary. At an important meeting in Boston, yesterday, the mills represented were committed to a proposition to reduce working time one-third. A similar conference in Providence agree to make the reduction. It is urged that this step is necessary for employes as well as for the mill-owners, as it will otherwise be necessary to stop the mills altogether later in the season.

Gen. Sherman always writes and speaks to the point, and anything from his pen is sure amply to repay careful attention. His paper on the subject of army organization, discipline, and movement, which we print to-day, is unusually interesting and valuable. We all recollect how, during the anxious times of the late civil war, every reader of army news became educated in military tactics and army details. Gen. Sherman revives something of this half-forgotten lore, and gives us the benefit of his life-long training and extensive experience in the field. His observations are interspersed by great shrewdness and plainness of speech. The reader can hardly fail to be struck with the human feeling that pervades the whole essay. The great General is not above considering the wants and whims of his rank and file; he never forgets that the soldier is a man, with the instincts and feelings common to all men. He perceives his intelligence, his power of becoming accustomed to the most trying features of war, and the conditions that make him responsive or irresponsive to the call of his commander. Altogether Gen. Sherman's paper is one of singular attractiveness and permanent value.

In a speech recently made at a political meeting in Sharon, Ga., Hon. Alexander H. Stephens embodied a spirited appeal for measures of peace and reconciliation, in view of the present difficulties in the South. He condemned the course of the Louisiana insurrectionists, and pointed to the peaceful instrumentalities of the courts, the legislative halls, and the ballot-box, as better remedies than the bayonet for the evils attendant upon reconstruction. His remarks to the colored people present were eminently just and sensible. He said that he opposed the Civil Rights bill not only because Congress, under the Constitution, had no right to interfere with the internal regulations of a State on the subject of education, but also because he did not believe that the blacks in his section desired such interference. He asserted his belief that the negroes were entitled to a "just and equal and proportionate share" in the public educational funds of the State; but in this it is hardly probable that the great mass of Georgia Democrats would agree with him. He scouted the idea of any war between the two races, and assured both white and black that if each performed his duty as he should there would never be any discord between them on account of color.

It is now said, with some show of authority, that the Czar of Russia did write a cordial letter to Don Carlos, sympathizing with that royal pretender. It is added that this friendly expression of the Czar was called out by a letter from Don Carlos thanking him for his refusal to recognize the Spanish Republic. The reason given by the Russian Government for its reluctance in that affair was that Serrano's power was not yet established, and that the Republic had not received the approval of the people whom it was designed to govern. It is difficult to see where Don Carlos could find cause for thanksgiving in these explanations, though he was, no doubt, very glad that recognition of the Republic was prevented by any reason. Except an uneasy feeling that republics in Europe are inflammatory, there is nothing in the attitude of Spain that should cause Russia to seriously incline to Carlism rather than to Republican Spain.

There is now, apparently, no good reason why the Central Park should not be graced by the colossal statue of Webster, offered by Mr. G. W. Burnham. The Park Commissioners have decided on a site at the junction of the middle and west drives, south of the lake, subject to future contingencies. It is understood that Mr. Burnham is not tenacious as to the location, provided it is a suitable one; and it now only remains to select an artist whose reputation and achievements shall guarantee his success in this highly important work.

*LOUISIANA.*

We print this morning one of a series of letters from a correspondent in Louisiana, who, with others, has been directed to make a careful and complete report of the condition of affairs in that and other Southern States, as they appear on impartial observation. By this means we expect to lay before our readers a more satisfactory picture of the South as it is at the present moment than has yet been presented in any other quarter. The letters we have hitherto published from Arkansas and from South Carolina, which, it will be remembered, were very full, and which have received the approval of those best able to judge of their accuracy, are examples of the method prescribed to our correspondents. We may add that they will not confine themselves to the lines of railways or public conveyances, but will penetrate to remoter sections, and endeavor to describe the condition of the country as completly as possible.

The letter we print this morning gives a somewhat novel view of the situation. It divides the people of the State into four classes: corrupt white leaders and negro followers on the one hand, and on the other professional ruffians and those who, from indifference or indignation caused by misgovernment, tolerate these ruffians. That the Government has been largely in the hands of demagogues and rascals since its reorganization there is little reason to doubt, and it is the misfortune of the Republican Party that these men have acted in its name and under the protection of the National Government. A prominent Southern Republican, an able and upright man, who has been engaged for years in a struggle with the corrupt men of his own party, recently remarked to us that the choice in many parts of the South was between thieves on the one side and ruffians on the other. To what extent this has been the case in Louisiana, our correspondent's letter shows only too clearly. A Government which levies eight per cent. in taxes, whose collection laws are practically statutes for confiscation, whose assessors are partial and corrupt, and under which property shrinks in six years three-quarters to four-fifths of its value, is not an honest Government. Our correspondent explains how this state of things has come about. It has been mainly by the schemes of imported Republican leaders, acting upon the clannish and ignorant negroes.

He also shows how opposition to the Republican Party has fallen under the control of a violent, lawless, and cruel set of men, who have persecuted the negroes, murdered and robbed them, and who only succeed in calling in the National Government to the support of the Republican officials, while disgusting and outraging the North. The dilemma is easily stated, but it is not easily escaped from. The most natural suggestion is that the corrupt Republicans ought not to be sustained by the Federal Government, or by the sentiment of the nation. That is true, so far as it goes. The National Government ought not to sustain corruption, and a healthy national sentiment can always be relied on to condemn it. But it so happens that the organized opposition to these corrupt Republicans in Louisiana is under the control of the White Leaguers—who in great part appear to be the Ku-klux under a different name, and with objects which include those of the Kuklux, and especially the practical disfranchisement of the negroes through terror. Certainly the National Government not only cannot sustain this organization, but it is bound, by the extremest exercise of its powers, to break it up and to protect the negroes from it. The public opinion of the North not only would approve of such a policy on the part of the National Government, but will require it. So that any one can see that the path of the Administration, as of the Republican Party, is not a perfectly plain one, and that to discover and pursue it requires sound judgment, as well as good intentions and courage.

Moreover, it must be remembered that there is a powerful sentiment in the South which is not political, which has nothing to do with race, which is not disloyal, but which is simply the fruit of self-interest acting under peculiar circumstances of education, and which tends to make maltreatment of the negro safe and popular. It is the sentiment that the white employers of the South ought to "control their own labor"—i. e., ought to be able to make the negro work for them when they need him on their own terms. This adds enormously to the difficulties of governing the South, or of the South governing itself, under the conditions imposed by the amended Constitution. It is a sentiment almost universal among the class of Southern whites who, by position, natural ability, and education, are led to take an active part in political affairs. This class does not hate the negro. It does not wish to persecute, much less to kill, him. It used to own him and to make money by his labor. Since emancipation it has failed to manage him as a free laborer. It *must* manage him or starve, and it winks at the violence which tends to make the negro obey the white man. This was the spirit of the South in 1865 to 1868, under the Johnson Governments, when laws were generally passed favoring the absolute control of black labor by white employers, and some of the boldest of these laws were enacted in Louisiana, one of them under the leadership of McEnery, the present opposition "Governor." And it is no less the spirit of the South now, after four or six years in which the negro has been the means of bringing terrible oppression, in his turn, on his former owner. And this is the spirit to which there is always danger of surrendering such a State as Louisiana in refusing support to the Republican Party there. The whole problem is grave. It cannot be dismissed with a partial judgment. It cannot be solved by mere partisanship. Unless the Republican Party of Southern States like Louisiana can be purified, it is not fit to retain power. Unless the Democratic Party can be rid of its White Leagues and dispossessed of the desire to "control labor" by law, it is not fit to succeed to power. Whether any combination in the two parties can be made in the several States that will be able to produce State Governments at once honest and just, is a question which only time can answer.

*HOW IT STRIKES THE THOUGHTFUL PATRIOT.*

There is a spirit of insubordination now visible in the Republican Party which ought to be at once "stamped out." We have long looked upon it with sorrow; but never has it been more decidedly or more offensively manifested than during the present week. We do not, of course, refer to insubordination of that kind which leads newspapers to express true and honest opinions, and which can always be easily and inexpensively checked by the starting of a new third-term "organ," as an asylum for broken-winded hacks. It is something more serious than that. Not only the managers or leaders of the party, but the entire party itself, is at fault. Nothing is done as it ought to be done. The best of advice is disregarded. The consequence is that those tried and faithful friends of the Republican Party, the *Herald*, *World*, and *Tribune*, grow tired of offering their counsel, and if something is not done very soon to allay their wrath, they will retire in disgust and leave the Republican Party to go to the dogs in its own way. Let us point out two or three recent instances of obstinacy, which are enough, as the *Tribune* well and pathetically said on Thursday, to "Fill all Thoughtful Patriots with uneasiness."

Before the Republican Convention met, it was very distinctly told what it ought to do. The great Professor himself stepped down from his desk, birch in hand, and gave the strictest orders as to every detail of the proceedings. As he himself complained on Thursday, the duty of the convention had been "Put to it in the Most Direct Manner." A light skirmisher, famous for the skill with which he had established a "fence" in Philadelphia for the disposal of stolen telegraphic dispatches, issued the same orders. The complete Letter-Writer of the *World*, and author of much of its "superb English," stood at the door with a big dictionary, explaining to the Republican delegates their duty in picked words of four and five syllables. The instructions from these highly respectable and disinterested quarters all coincided in one point—the Republicans at Utica must pass an anti-third-term resolution. And yet will posterity believe that the Convention, instead of doing that, went about its own business, attended properly to State affairs, and refused to spend time in discussing a question which it will be time enough to dispose of in the Summer of 1876? Such is the fact, and it is one which bodes ill for the future of the country and the stability of republican institutions. In short, it must inevitably "Fill all Thoughtful Patriots with uneasiness."

We now pass from party to persons—or as the editor of the *World* would say in his own "superb" manner, from a contesseration of autochthonous and domicilated individuals to disjunctive individuity. And in doing that, we grieve to say that we fail to detect any improvement. Due preparations, for instance, had been made for the appearance at the convention of certain men who have been found very useful in times past as targets for Democratico-Liberal shots. Among these gentlemen was Mr. Laflin, Naval Officer. The *Tribune* instructed a special correspondent to put Laflin in his report, and the correspondent did so. In the same way, it will be remembered, a man named Ramsdell was instructed to "get even" with Senator Carpenter, and with that pious end in view he made a dangerous voyage to Long Branch, invented a good serviceable slander involving a lady, and had his "piece" properly published and stuck to by the Professor. Whether Ramsdell attended to Mr. Laflin at Utica, or somebody else of the same kidney, we do not know; but at any rate Mr. Laflin cut a prominent and picturesque figure in the report. He was clad in a "light surtout," "swung a white stove-pipe hat round his head," called upon three other persons "with rolling gait and eyes" to join him, and finished up his hilarious proceedings by shouting, "Three cheers for Gen. Grant." A more revolting picture of profligacy has seldom or never been presented. It was naturally supposed that after such an exposure, Mr. Laflin would wrap his white surtout round his blighted form, mash his stove-pipe hat over his fevered brow, and plunge into the North River, accompanied by his friends with the rolling gait and eyes. —Now, will it be believed that after these elaborate preparations, Mr. Laflin *did not even go near the convention!* Such is the dismal fact. With an amount of obstinacy which is to the last degree exasperating, Mr. Laflin remained quietly in New-York City. Yet the description of his riotous proceedings at Utica appeared all the same in the *Tribune*. Why did Mr. Laflin thus willfully neglect the part which he was expected to play? We cannot explain it, but we sorrowfully admit that his mutinous spirit cannot fail to "Fill all Thoughtful Patriots with uneasiness."

But while Mr. Laflin has subjected himself to just censure for not going to Utica, there are other and worse offenders to be birched with him. The Professor has his Eye upon them. Mr. Laflin is only one of the Custom-house Ring. The chief of it is Gen. C. A. Arthur, whose sanguinary "claws" and "fangs" have often been described by Fenton and his followers, hungrily waiting outside the closed doors of the Custom-house. To the merchants of the port, Gen. Arthur is known as a singularly just, conscientious, and honorable man, a faithful servant of the Government, no doubt, but also a true friend to the mercantile community. But Fenton did not appoint him; and therefore loud is the wail of Fenton and Fenton's organ over his presence in the Custom-house. And now he has given new cause of offense. It was positively announced that the Collector was opposed to the renomination of Gen. Dix. It was also said (by a thriving lobbyist, who has made $250,000 by his trade,) that The Times was opposed to Gen. Dix, although The Times had something to do with his nomination in 1872, and has been abused for defending him from unjust attacks on more than one occasion since. Yes, our opposition to Gen. Dix is well known, and we have not a word to say in defense of it; but what can Gen. Arthur plead in mitigation of his misconduct? The *Herald*, *World*, and *Tribune*, and one or two weekly papers which contemplate politics "from a balloon," (to use Mr. Gladstone's phrase,) all announced that the Collector would certainly come out strong against Dix. His candidate was to be—let us see, who was it? We rather think it was Professor Whitelaw Reid. And instead of taking his proper place in the programme, he must needs go to Utica and support Gen. Dix warmly, and testify that respect for the Governor's services which he has uniformly avowed during the past two years. Even Laflin, with his white surtout and stove-pipe hat, and his spectral sailors at his back, did not violate all the proprieties so grossly as Gen. Arthur. We turn with a lacerated heart from the contemplation of so much obduracy and want of proper feeling. The Republicans generally may see nothing to regret in it, but we tell them frankly that it is enough "to Fill all Thoughtful Patriots with Uneasiness," not to say Despair.

*REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE.*

The short, sensible, and forcible speech delivered by Gov. Dix, at Albany, on Thursday evening, presents a very good model for campaign oratory, and deserves to be frequently referred to as a concise summary of what the Republican Party has done and proposes to do for this State. It suits Democratic politicians, who try to make out that the misrule of their party was confined to this City, to ignore the fact, referred to by Gov. Dix, that a Republican administration found on taking possession of the Government a deficiency in the State Treasury of six millions and a half. The further fact that this amount, with three millions and a half more, had been abstracted from the sinking funds "in flagrant violation of the provisions of the Constitution," is conveniently lost sight of by those who wish to saddle the State once more with the reckless and corrupt rule of the Democracy. If the subject is referred to at all, it is for the purpose of covering up these shortcomings of Hoffman's administration by urging the plea that during his first term the Republicans had a majority, however slender, in the Legislature. It would be as much to the purpose to defend the rascalities of Ring rule in this City on the ground that certain corrupt Republicans received a share of the spoils. Between 1869 and 1872, the Tweed influence was supreme at Albany as in New-York. The Governor and State officers were the nominees and instruments of the corrupt Tammany confederacy. They had the power to balk its plans for the plunder of both State and City, but they neither cared nor dared to exercise it. Certain Republican Senators were in the pay of Tweed as undeniably as were one or two Assemblymen of the Winans stamp. But the whole machinery of corruption was in Democratic hands, and the entire Democratic delegation, with insignificant exceptions, were, from first to last, the willing tools of the New-York Ring. Corrupt Republicans, who took the pay and did the work of Tweed and his allies, have in almost every instance earned political oblivion. It has never been made an argument against any Democratic legislator that he slavishly obeyed the party whip wielded by Tweed, Fields, Hitchman, and others of the gang. No possible twisting of history can affect the plain fact that from 1869 to 1872 the administration of the State was Democratic, and that during these four years the finances were grossly mismanaged, the plighted faith of the State was trampled on, and that the progress toward bankruptcy in the Treasury at Albany was almost as rapid as in the Treasury of New-York City.

The methods of any Legislature will always depend, in great measure, on the character of the Executive. The work which Hoffman failed to do, is brought into strong relief by the corrective influence which Gov. Dix found it necessary to exercise over Legislatures of much higher character than those of the four years of Democratic rule. The corruptionists of 1869-72 knew the Governor to be a pliant tool in their hands, and from the Erie Classification bill down through all the shameful record of fraudulent tax levies, odious special laws, and swindling charters to favored corporations, there was no scheme of legislative jobbery held back in deference to the known scruples of the Executive. We have never hesitated to point out the bad character of some of the bills which obtained a certain degee of favor from Republican Legislatures, or which were rushed through in the hurry of the closing busines of the last two sessions. Though none of these could compare for a moment with the stupendous legislative swindles concocted by Hall and Sweeny and engineered by Tweed, they were sufficient to stain the party record had they passed into the statute books. But the certainty of an Executive veto helped to kill some before they reached their final stages, and its actual exercise disposed of the rest after they had passed. It would be absurd to claim anything like absolute perfection for any legislative record. That of the Republican Party has had faults both of omission and commission which the honest mass of the party is among the foremost to regret. But it differs from the work of the two years preceding, as honest though sometimes misdirected effort does from systematic and organized rascality; as the faults of half information and imperfect methods do from a consistent effort to work evil and to thrive upon robbery and corruption.

To the correction of defective legislative methods Gov. Dix has resolutely and consistently addressed himself. His veto messages are models of the terse enunciation of the highest standards of political responsibility, and the advice on this subject given in his annual messages has been of the soundest and most salutary type. No one can dispute the claim which he makes that the Republican Administration of the State has "done much to put an end to local and special legislation, to check the multiplication of corporate privileges in derogation of the rights of the people, and to withhold the application of moneys levied by taxation upon the State at large to objects of local improvement." Apart from its greater and more obvious triumphs, that line of policy has broadly marked off the character of the State Government of 1873-4 from that of its predecessor. The avowed resolution to place the maintenance of such a policy above being affected by the character of any individual Governor or Legislature makes as broad a distinction between the Republican and Democratic programme for the future. Gov. Dix has steadfastly acted on the spirit of the most vital of the new constitutional amendments, and he is equally outspoken and consistent in seeking to carry out his policy to its logical conclusions by incorporating these amendments in the fundamental law of the State. Democratic administration in the past has been marked by the grossest abuses of legislative power; Democratic policy in the future wishes to be rid of any constitutional check upon these abuses, and so refuses to have anything to do with the amendments.

The unliquidated debt accumulated during Democratic administration has been wiped out under Republican rule, but it has needed increased taxation to meet it. The burdens which rightfully belonged to the four years preceding have been transferred to the last two years, simply because the Republican Party could not adopt the Democratic precedent of dishonestly shirking them. But it cannot be too steadily remembered that the administration which has had to pay the debt was not the administration which incurred it, and that the honest payment of liabilities for which it was not responsible has been accompanied by a resolute economy in the expenditures for which it had to provide. A few years more of such administration as we have had during the last two years, and the debt of this State will be among the very lowest in the Union, while the taxation required for the gradual liquidation of that debt will very rapidly diminish. Give the Democrats a chance, and all the precedents of their past administration, and all the influences which determine their future policy, inevitably point to a renewal of the recklessness in legislation and the wastefulness and corruption in expenditures which Republican administration has already checked, and which it stands pledged to terminate still more effectually.

*RACING, PAST AND FUTURE.*

In the records of the turf there is about this time a brief interval of repose. The great Summer meetings are ended, the notable contests of the Fall have not yet begun. This day week, Jerome Park will be thronged by an eager crowd of spectators, and already the morning canters of the favorites furnish food for speculation to an inner circle of turfites. There certainly never was a time in the recent annals of the American turf when the materials for speculation were more plentiful, and when the data for forming a judgment on the prospects of contending horses were more meagre. The past meetings of the year have had two memorable characteristics—their extraordinary time records and their unusually large number of individual winners. That steadily-increasing number of people who take an interest in horse-racing will not be likely to forget that in 1874 *Fellowcraft* ran four miles in 7 minutes 19½ seconds, beating *Lexington's* time, which had stood unmatched for twenty years. Alongside of this great achievement will worthily rank *Reform's* running of one and three-quarter mile in 3 minutes 5¾ seconds, and *Gray Planet's* mile race against time in 1 minute 42½ seconds. Not less remarkable is the fact that in all the great Eastern meetings of the Spring and Summer no horse won two stakes, and that it rests absolutely with the October meetings to settle the question of the three-year old championship of the year.

The Jerome Stake for three-year olds at Jerome Park used to be known as the Champion Stake. That distinction may now, however, be claimed for the Dixie Stake at Baltimore. Though the nominations for this year's Jerome Stake hardly include all the possible competitors for the three-year-old championship, it nevertheless includes by far the larger number of them. It closed with fifty-one nominations, and among these are the following three-year-old winners of the year: *Acrobat*, *Brigand*, *Regardless*, *Aaron Pennington*, *Saxon*, *Madge*, *Steel Eyes*, and *Reform*. The nominations for the Dixie Stake at Baltimore include all these, we believe, with the addition of *Culpeper*, *Vandalite*, and *Rutherford*. In addition to the intense interest which belongs to both races in virtue of the contest of eight to a dozen pretty equally matched horses, the pecuniary value of both stakes is considerable. The winner of the great three-year-old race of the approaching meeting at Jerome Park can hardly fail to carry off less than $8,000. The corresponding contest at Baltimore is richer still, for, closing with sixty-eight nominations, it would yield, with forfeit and added money, $8,800 for a walk over, while with twelve probable starters the first place will be worth some $12,800. Next to the contest for the Jerome Stake, perhaps the greatest excitement will attend the four-mile race. It is positively stated that *Tom Bowling* is in condition to run again, and *Fellowcraft's* recent performance having stamped him king of the turf, the great Kentucky horse will find it necessary to vindicate anew his supremacy or retire into the ranks of deposed royalty. *Springbok* and others will doubtless be drawn out by the four-mile race. The Maturity Stake, for four-year olds, at Jerome Park, ought to be an exciting race. We fear it will hardly be so this year. Closed, like all such events, two years in advance, its nominations include, indeed, the name of *Tom Bowling*, but present no competitor likely to render the issue doubtful. *Donnybrook*, *Wild Idle*, *Catesby*, *Stonehenge*, and *Carver* are among the list of the four-year olds entered to challenge the Kentucky champion.

It may be doubted whether it is worth while moralizing over the rapid growth of the popularity of horse-racing in this country. Like most popular pleasures the sport has its good and its bad sides. Among its chief supporters are those who keep unblemished on the turf the principles of honorable gentlemen. There are also some who pursue horse-racing simply as a mode of gambling, with a steady eye to any means, fair or otherwise, of turning the odds in their favor. The frequenters of race-courses are in like manner made up of those who attend for love of the sport, and those who attend because of the opportunities to gamble, with the addition of a considerable proportion of people with whom both motives weigh, and a still larger number who care but languidly for either. All combined, they certainly help to familiarize us with that most beautiful of all equine types—the English-Arabian race-horse—and help to improve by his systematic propagation, the blood and breeding of American horses. There are few popular out-door amusements capable of being made subserve so many good purposes and susceptible of so many abuses as horse-racing. The history of the trotting turf is a good illustration of both tendencies, though we fear the blackguardism of trotting matches is steadily getting the upper hand. We trust that it will be very long before the same remark can justly apply to running races, and among the last places where it ever can apply will certainly be Jerome Park.

*THE GENEVA CONGRESS.*

The friends of peace—otherwise known as the International Association for the Reform and Codification of the Law of Nations—have been holding their second annual conference at Geneva. It was highly appropriate that the opening session should be held in the great hall of the Hotel de Ville, where the Alabama tribunal deliberated so long and to such good purpose. The meetings, which began on the 7th inst., were unusually interesting, and were attended by many of the learned jurists from various countries, who had been in attendance upon the sitting of the Institute of International Law, which met on the 4th instant. The gathering on the 7th was thoroughly cosmopolitan, comprising David Dudley Field, of this City, who is President of the association; Signor Mancini, the eloquent Italian who has so strenuously advocated, in the parliament of his country, the principle of arbitration; Father Hyacinthe; Sir Travers Twiss and Henry Richard, of England; Señor Marcoartu of Spain; and the Japanese Ambassador at Rome and many other noted European and American lawyers and legislators. The report of the present position of the association, which was read by the General Secretary, Dr. James B. Miles, was highly encouraging, and the ultimate object of the body, as announced, is "to organize the peace and well-being of nations upon the well-defined basis of international law, and to secure the settlement of the differences of nations by peaceful methods." Papers written by Prof. Emory Washburn on "The Feasibility of an International Code;" by Dr. Woolsey, of New-Haven, on "The Construction of the Three Rules of the Treaty of Washington;" and by Dr. Joseph P. Thompson, of this City, who was present at the session, were among the principal American contributions. On the third day of the conference a constitution was adopted. Count Sclopis, of the Board of Arbitration in the Alabama case, was chosen "honorable President," and the active president was re-elected for the ensuing year. It is probable that at the next annual conference an entire "international code" will be presented for consideration, and special committees will labor upon the preparation of portions of that code during the intervening year.

Looking back over the past twelve months, one cannot fail to be impressed with the favorable progress made by the principles which the association was established to sustain. In the English Parliament, the motion of Mr. Henry Richard for an expression in favor of the reform of international law and arbitration, was adopted—although by a small majority—in July of 1873. In the Chamber of Deputies at Rome, a similar motion was unanimously adopted last November. The King of Sweden speedily followed the lead of Great Britain and Italy; and on the 25th of June of the present year the Senate of the United States confirmed the resolutions, condemning war and favoring arbitration, which had been adopted in the House some days previous. These illustrious examples do not seem likely, however, to be followed immediately by the leading warlike powers of Middle and Western Europe. Neither French nor Prussian legislative assemblies have thus far shown much active sympathy with the object of the conference of the friends of peace at Geneva; and Russia seems to maintain a sullen silence. The war-cloud still overhangs Europe, and the opening of the "deadlock" now maintained by half a dozen great nations may any day deluge the land with blood again, and arbitration's slow but pacific methods may be lost sight of in the rush and hurry of war. The enthusiastic and skillful jurists and parliamentarians who, as delegates to the recent conference, have been congratulating themselves on the success of their principles in certain quarters, must look forward to their future work with renewed ardor as they think of the horrors which its successful accomplishment would aid in preventing. At the late conference at Brussels, with regard to the rules of civilized warfare, two of the leading military powers of Europe made strenuous efforts to secure a practical recognition of the authority of victorious invading armies as that of *de facto* governments. This shows what may be expected unless some thoroughly general movement in favor of arbitration—some universally recognized code of law for the nations—be accepted in place of the present misty and indefinite formulas, which every nation interprets to suit its convenience.

The codification of the "law of nations," proposed by the Geneva conference, is necessarily a work requiring much time, great patience, and indomitable zeal. It appears almost incredible that a code can, within the next twelve months, be prepared for adoption. But the members of the association are in earnest, and have given to their subject the most profound and untiring study. The prospect of the establishment of an "international tribunal," which has also engaged their attention during the sessions of the recent Conference, will probably be definitely embodied by the time of the next annual meeting. Able papers, to prove that such a tribunal could be established with advantage to all the nations, and without derogating from their sovereignty, were read during the sessions at Geneva, and attracted favorable attention.

The writer of a timely article on the "Laws of War, and Peace Leagues," in a number of the *Revue des Deux Mondes* for the present month, recalls the fact that a protocol of the famous Treaty of Paris, to which many different States of Europe gave their adhesion, contained a strong expression in favor of international arbitration, in case of any difference between two States. He also points to the fact that this protocol, which was rendered doubly solemn and binding from its general acceptance by so many powers, was easily forgotten by the men of the Second Empire when they wished to declare war against Prussia. Unscrupulous Emperors and statesmen do not hesitate to thus overleap the barriers of any treaty which interferes with their desire to appeal to brute force. And nothing but the recognized "code of international law," which such associations as the recent Geneva conference are trying, perhaps in vain, to give the world, can prevent the disasters consequent on such appeals.

*THE COTTON MANUFACTURERS.*

THE PROPOSITION TO REDUCE PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO BRING UP PRICES.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 25.—An adjourned meeting of the cotton manufacturing interest was held in Boston to-day, at which about 2,000,000 spindles were represented by the personal attendance of the officers of corporations, and many more by letter or by authority given to gentlemen from other cities. The object of the meeting was to hear the report of a committee, previously appointed, on the subject of reducing the production of cotton-mills one-third in order to re-establish the true relation between supply and demand. The committee, in their report, stated that they had a strong conviction, confirmed by the general opinion of those engaged in its business, that a large reduction of work is imperatively required in the existing state of things, and they believed that such an opinion will be sufficient to lead all to co-operate in such a reduction as is called for, alike by their several interests and the general good. They also expressed the opinion that four full working days of ten hours each per week would best promote the interests of the employed and employers during the continuance of such a reduction; but that there would be many cases in which a different mode of reaching the same result would be preferred; each party must be free to judge as to the duration of any reduction which they may make, but it now seems as if it should continue for at least three months. The report of the committee was accepted, also a proposition recommending the cotton manufacturers of New-England to reduce their product from and after Oct. 1, and inviting all the manufacturers of New-England to meet again in Boston, on the 28th of October in order to take such further action as the state of business may then seem to require.

*NEVADA.*

THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION—THE TICKET AND THE PLATFORM.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—In the Nevada Republican State Convention, held at Winnemucca yesterday, Dr. J. C. Hazelett was nominated for Governor; —— Bowman for Lieutenant Governor; William Woodburn for Congress; Judge Beatty, of White Pine, for Supreme Judge, long term; Warden Earl, of Elko, for Supreme Judge, short term; Charles F. Bycknell for Clerk of the Supreme Court; J. D. Minor for Secretary of State, and L. J. Hoyle, of Eureka, for State Treasurer. The convention adopted the platform last night. It reaffirms the principles of the Republican Party; indorses the last Republican Congress; declares that the outrages in the South were perpetrated by men determined to establish there a white man's Government; condemns that movement in strong terms; disapproves of the re-election of the President for a third term; favors a revision of our treaty with China, in order to restrict the immigration of Chinese; opposes subsidies or grants of land to railroads or other corporations; asks Congress to pass laws regulating fares and freights on railroads, and favors a return to specie payments.

*ARMY REUNION.*

Boston, Sept. 25.—The fifth annual parade and reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic Posts in Essex County took place at Gloucester to-day, and was an imposing affair. Among the distinguished guests present were Gov. Talbot and staff, and Gen. Butler, Gen. A. B. Underwood, Gen. Cogswell, Mayor of Salem, and many others. There was a street parade, review, and banquet. The children of the schools, dressed in white, carried bouquets in their hands, and scattered flowers in the streets, and sang as the procession moved from and returned to the City Hall.

# LOUISIANA.

## THE USE OF THE TROOPS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

### GEN. EMORY'S REPLY TO THE IMPUTATIONS IN SENATOR SCHURZ'S ST. LOUIS SPEECH —NO PROGRESS TOWARD COMPROMISE — THE CONTEMPLATED SEARCH FOR ARMS ABANDONED.

We have received the following dispatch from one of our special correspondents in New-Orleans:

NEW-ORLEANS, Sept. 25.—United States Marshal Packard this evening addressed an important communication to Gen. Emory, commander of the Department of the Gulf. The document is as follows:

NEW-ORLEANS, Sept. 23.

*Major General W. H. Emory, Commanding the Department of the Gulf, New-Orleans:*

SIR: I beg to call your attention, first, to an extract from the speech of United States Senator Schurz at St. Louis, last night, as follows: "He then referred to the fact that an election for a new Legislature is impending, and that United States troops are there professedly to enforce the laws in that election, but whether they will be used impartially or not will depend upon who controls them. This control will be, in a great measure, in the hands of United States Marshal Packard, who, besides being Marshal, was one of the principal accomplices of Judge Durrell and Kellogg in the usurpation two years ago, and is now the managing spirit of the State Central Committee of the Kellogg party. He is not a fit person to control United States troops to be used in that election. It is of the highest importance that, especially under the existing circumstances, the people of Louisiana should not only have a fair election, but also that they should be made to feel that they will have one. The past performances and present functions of Mr. Packard are not calculated to inspire confidence. I am sure the whole country would applaud an order from the President relieving Packard of his official duties, and the substitution of a man of such character that everybody will believe him incapable of abusing his power for partisan ends." Second, to the communication of the Committee of Seventy, through R. H. Marr, Chairman, to the President of the United States, under date of Sept. 8. [Here follow the resolution and appeal, protesting against placing at the disposal of the Attorney General the United States troops for the purpose of assisting the Marshal of this district, S. B. Packard, in carrying on prosecutions against the people of Louisiana, and requesting Packard's removal from office on account of his violent partisanship.]

My purpose in calling your attention to these matters is to inquire of you whether I have at any time since you have been in command of the Department of the Gulf used or attempted to use or control the United States troops for political purposes in any manner whatever, and also whether or not you have observed in our official relations and intercourse anything which, in your opinion, justifies the imputations and charges set forth by Senator Schurz and the Committee of Seventy.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed,) S. B. PACKARD,
United States Marshal.

Gen. Emory, on receipt of the above, replied in the following terms:

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Sept. 25.

*S. B. Packard, Esq., United States Marshal:*

SIR: In reply to your note of this date, I have to state, and emphatically, that since I have been in command of this department neither you nor any one else has used, or attempted to use or control, the United States troops for political purposes in any manner whatever. There has been nothing in our official relations to justify the charge that you design to use the troops for political purposes, or have ever done so; and if you do desire such an use, I do not see how you are to use them for any such purpose; for be assured any such attempt would be promptly and immediately resented by both officers and men. Those who make such charges are totally ignorant of the character of regular troops, and the indignation that would attend any attempt to use them for political puposes.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
W. H. EMORY.

During the day a number of gentlemen on both sides were engaged in an effort to again bring together the Conference Committee, but as the Republicans very properly refuse to allow the White Leaguers to secure a majority on the Board of State Canvassers, it seems to be settled that no arrangement will be arrived at.

The two sloops of war which have been expected here for some days passed over the bar this evening, and are now lying at the foot of Canal street.

No search for the State arms, said to be still held by members of the White League, was made to-day, and the peace of the city remained undisturbed. In the afternoon a consultation was held between Gov. Kellogg and others, and it was decided, after considerable discussion, that for the present no search would be made. This decision will, it is thought, preclude the possibility of further rioting for some weeks at least.

### ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL MEN-OF-WAR AT NEW-ORLEANS.

The following dispatch is from the general Press Agent at New-Orleans:

NEW-ORLEANS, Sept. 26.—The following dispatches were received here this afternoon:

"SOUTH-WEST PASS, Sept. 25.—The United States steamer Shawmut passed up to the city at 3 o'clock this morning."

"PASS A L'OUTRE, Sept. 25.—The United States flag-ship Canandaigua, Rear Admiral Mullaney, passed up at 8 o'clock this morning en route to the city.

Another United States war vessel came to the bar this morning and anchored outside."

### THE "PEOPLE'S" PARTY TO GO INTO THE CAMPAIGN WITH VIGOR.

The following dispatch is received from the general press agent at New-Orleans:

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Sept. 25.—The State Central Committee of the People's Party had a meeting this evening. Resolutions were finally adopted to go into the November election with spirit and energy. The propriety of not voting was discussed, but the majority against this resolution was overwhelming. The Parish Committees participated in the meeting.

### NUMBER OF UNITED STATES SOLDIERS IN THE STATE—THEIR POSTS AND OFFICERS.

*From the New-Orleans Republican, Sept. 22.*

We have now in Louisiana twenty-eight companies of regular troops. With the exception of one company at Baton Rouge, these troops are stationed in and about the City of New-Orleans. The headquarters of the Third Infantry is at Jackson Barracks, with four companies of the regiment, where Col. De L. Floyd-Jones is commanding. Lieut. Joseph Hale, Adjutant of the Third, and the regimental band are also at the barracks. The company commanders of this regiment, present for duty, are as follows: Company A, Lieut. Addis M. Henry; B, Capt. George E. Head; C, Capt. James A. Snyder; D, Capt. James H. Gageby; E, Lieut. Wilham Mitchell; F, Capt. John H. Page; G, Capt. J. Ford Kent; H, Capt. Charles Hobart; I, Lieut. Edward A. Belger. K is at Baton Rouge. The three companies of the Second Infantry, which arrived from Georgia and Alabama, are D, F, and G, commanded by Capt. William Finck, Capt. M. A. Cochran, and Lieut. Charles Harkins. Three companies of the Eighteenth Infantry are also here from Columbia, S. C. They are A, G, and I, commanded by Capt. Edgar R. Kellogg, Lieut. Robert F. Bates, and Lieut. Charles B. Hinton. The two companies of the Sixteenth Infantry, which came from Humboldt and Nashville, Tenn., under the command of Major S. A. Wainwright, are D and F, with Capt. Hugh A. Theaker and Capt. W. G. Wedemeyer as company commanders. The Twenty-second Infantry sends seven companies, under the command of Brevet Major C. A. Webb. These troops come from New-York and Michigan, four companies arriving Saturday evening and three last night. The company commanders are as follows: Company A, Capt. Jayran B. Irvine; B, Capt. John Hartley; D, Capt. Charles A. Webb; F, Capt. A. H. Goodloe; H, Capt. De Witt C. Poole; I, Capt. Francis Clarke; K, Capt. Moot Hooton. The officers of the Twenty-second left about the Northern lakes the most pleasant posts occupied by the army, but like true soldiers they take their change with the best possible grace, and appear in good humor. Three companies of the First Ardillery are at Jackson Barracks, including K and M, commanded by Capts. A. M. Randoll and Loomis L. Langdon. During the war these batteries made themselves famous as light artillery.

Brevet Major Gen. Galusha Pennypacker, Colonel of the Sixteenth Infantry, reported to Gen. Emory on Sunday, and, by virtue of his rank, was assigned to command of all troops in New-Orleans. With the exception of Col. R. S. Mackenzie, of the Fourth Cavalry, Gen. Pennypacker stands in years the youngest Colonel in the army. He made for himself a glorious record in the rebellion, and the scars of wounds he received attest his courage and fidelity to the Union. The head-quarters of Gen. Pennypacker for the present are at the State-house, from where he issued the following order announcing the officers of his staff:

HEAD-QUARTERS UNITED STATES TROOPS, NEW-ORLEANS, La., STATE HOUSE, Sept. 20, 1874.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.—1. In compliance with paragraph one, special orders No. 143, Head-quarters Department of the Gulf, of this date, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the United States troops stationed within the limits of the City of New-Orleans.

2. The following are announced as the staff of the commanding officer: First Lieut. W. V. Richards, Adjutant Sixteenth United States Infantry, A. A. A. G.; Capt. W. J. Falk, Second United States Infantry, A. A. A. G.; First Lieut. T. S. Wallace, Third United States Infantry, A. A. D. C.; Second Lieut. F. B. Taylor, Eighteenth United States Infantry, A. D. C.

G. PENNYPACKER,
Colonel Sixteenth Infantry, Brevet Major General United States Army.

As central points the troops now are stationed at the State House, Custom-house, Central and Third Precinct Police Stations, Commercial Hotel, the Mint, and Jackson Barracks. Company B, of the Third Infantry, commanded by Brevet Major Geo. E. Head, will leave to-day for Monroe. Other dispositions of troops will be made as occasion may require.

## FRANCE.

### THE SUPPRESSED DISPATCH FROM BAZAINE TO MACMAHON.

LONDON, Sept. 26—6 A. M.—Col. Stoffel has published a pamphlet vindicating himself in connection with the famous suppressed dispatch from Bazaine to MacMahon. He charges that MacMahon's march to Sedan was caused by Orleanist intrigues.

## GERMANY.

### THE SCHLESWIG QUESTION AGAIN.

The *Volksblatt*, a semi-official journal, accuses Danish agitators of intriguing for the reannexation of the whole of Schleswig to Denmark, and declares that the North Schleswig question should have long ago ceased to exist.

## BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The Machinists' and Blacksmiths' Convention in Louisville, adjourned on Thursday, to meet at Detroit in 1878.

The Eighth Maine Regiment had a reunion in Portland, Me., yesterday, and organized a society, chosing Lieut. Col. Hemminway President, and James T. Cleaves Secretary.

The Maine Pomological Exhibition, in Portland, closed last night with a banquet, given by the Portland Horticultural Society to the State Pomologican Society. Hon. George L. Davis presided.

A young school teacher at Steuben, Me., named Nash was instantly killed yesterday by the discharge of a gun from which he was attempting to draw a charge, the contents taking effect in the stomach.

### MINING SHARES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Mining shares stronger; Savage, 77½; Ophir, 45½; Chollar, 77; Crown Point, 58@61; Belcher, 65; California, 55; Yellow Jacket, 117; Hale & Norcross, 56; Overman, 67; Segregated Belcher, 111.

### SUICIDE BY HANGING.

BANGOR, Me., Sept. 25.—The body of Sewall P. Farrington, who has been missing since the 21st of last month, was found to-night hanging to a tree about four miles from this city. He is supposed to have committed suicide while insane. His father also committed suicide by hanging some years ago while in a fit of insanity. He was in good circumstances, having money to his credit in the bank.

### PRAYERS NOT DESIRED.

The New-Brunswick, (N. J.,) *Fredonian* says: "At the Republican State Convention, in accordance with usage, the Republican Executive Committee invited Rev. Dr. Hanlon, a worthy Methodist minister, to open the proceedings with prayer, and he did so. The Democratic Executive Committee, on the occasion of the recent Democratic State Convention, invited the same minister to open the proceedings as usual. He accepted, and took his position on the rear of the platform just before the convention was called to order. Thereupon a fire of uncomplimentary exhetives commenced rolling around among the assembled Democracy, to the effect that they 'didn't want any parson to pray there,' and this fire was so hot that when the convention was called to order, the committee did not dare to ask Dr. Hanlon to offer the usual invocation. He, however, sat on the stage during the whole proceedings. And now this act of discourtesy, to say the least, is considered as a matter worthy of boasting at a Democratic mass-meeting in this city, which was done when it was declared by the chairman that 'there were no canting parsons there!'"

### ILLNESS OF MAYOR STOKLEY.

A Philadelphia paper reports that Mayor William S. Stokley, of that city, has been seriously ill since the 18th inst. and fears have been entertained lest he should die. But few people have been allowed to visit his residence and none outside of his own immediate family have been allowed to see him. The exact nature of his ailment has not been pronounced by his attending physician, but the general understanding is that the disease is congestion of the brain. Mayor Stokley, it is claimed, has given more time to the duties of his office than, perhaps, any of his predecessors. From 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon little time has been devoted to receiving callers, examining into the condition of the Police force, and bills passed by councils submitted for his approval. Up to yesterday morning his recovery was a matter of grave doubt, the physician fixing that date for the turning point. Happily the change has set in, and for the better, and strong hopes are now held that in a short time he will resume his official duties.

### BACK PAY FOR MINERS.

The Scranton (Penn.) *Republican* of Friday says: "Within the present week the Pennsylvania Coal Company has paid its mine employes at Dunmore and Pittston a sum of $30,000 for overweight, which the former has carefully placed to the credit of the miners during the past two years. Ever since the settlement which followed the long strike, the company have kept at all their mines an accurate account of all overplus in the weight of cars to which the men were entitled, and the result of this during the short term of two years is a grand total of $30,000, which was generously paid. When the news first became known to the men, about a week ago, it seemed like some pleasing romance. The instance is the first of the kind on record; and while it is but a simple act of justice, it goes a great way to strengthen that bond of union between employer and employed which should always exist, and which is the surest earnest of the company's prosperity."

### COMMISSIONERS OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction yesterday, Miss Helen Cowden was appointed Matron of Bellevue Hospital, vice Mrs. E. Riddle, deceased. H. K. Thurber & Co were awarded a contract for 10,000 pounds of rice at 6¼ cents, for 10,000 pounds of brown sugar at 9 cents, 20,000 pounds of hard soap at 5½ cents. The census of the institutions on Blackwell's Island Sept. 24, 1874, shows a total of 5,973, as follows:

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| Lunatic Asylum | 1,166 | Charity Hospital | 732 |
| Epileptic and Paralytic Hospital | 108 | Small-pox Hospital | 43 |
| Workhouse | 1,922 | Fever Hospital | 10 |
| Almshouse | 919 | Blind Asylum | 89 |
| Penitentiary | 869 | Incurable Hospital | 115 |

### DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY.

At the request of Commissioner Voorhis, Sergt. Davis, of the House of Detention, has prepared a table of witnesses confined there, the time of their detention, the title of the cases in which they are witnesses, and the authority by which they are held. Commissioner Voorhis says the further detention of these persons is unjust and improper, as well as being an expensive burden on the County. The matter will be brought before the Police Board for action in a few days.

### A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A fatal accident occurred in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, last night. A number of young gentlemen were practising on the swings and trapeze, when Charles Somers, aged twenty, a clerk residing at No. 98 Ninth avenue, in attempting a difficult feat on the swing, fell to the ground. He received injuries from which he died at 10:30 o'clock. Coroner Woltman was notified.

# RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS.

## MUSICAL.

### LAST EVENING'S CONCERT.

The inaugural concert of the season occurred at Steinway Hall last evening, the performance being the first of a series in which Mme. Ilma di Murska is to fill the prominent part. A numerous audience was assembled to greet Mme. Di Murska's reappearance, and the entertainment passed off quite successfully. The concert, although decidedly interesting, does not demand a lengthened review. With one exception, the performers were well known, and, everybody being aware as to what to expect of them, there was no room for disappointment. The new face was that of Signor Gaetano Braga, who has considerable reputation, in Italy, as a composer, and is also esteemed a skillful violoncellist. Signor Braga's tone is by no means powerful, but he has thorough command of his instrument, and his execution is unexceptionable in point of expressiveness and finish. Both his contributions—a *souvenir-caprice* of his own on themes from "La Sonnambula," and another caprice, graceful in *motivos* and treatment—were redemanded. Precedence having been accorded to Signor Braga, as to a guest, it is only fair to remark that the strongest impression of the evening was produced, as anticipated, by Mme. Di Murska. We have no desire to dispel the opinions of the management of these entertainments in regard to the merits of the principal songstress, but we cannot refrain from observing that the comparison attempted between Mme. Di Murska and the late Mme. Parepa-Rosa is injudicious. Without dwelling upon the fact that Mme. Rosa was a mistress of the classical style of music; that her enunciation, whether the language she used was English, French, Italian, or German, was in itself a delight; that her voice was round and rich; without beginning to enumerate her excellences, it need only be said that Mme. Rosa's delivery of all kinds of music was just as sympathetic as Mme. Di Murska's is unsympathetic. The Hungarian lady is a clever executant of bravura songs, which have no higher object than to astonish; of all thoughts, that of making her audience marvel over feats of vocalization, must have been the most distant from Mme. Rosa's mind. But we need not lay particular stress upon this subject. We have often said that Mme. Di Murska interprets with great facility the florid *rondo* from "Lucia"—made more florid, still, than Donizetti wrote it—and that she makes light of the difficulties which Benedict has scattered throughout his variations on "Il Carnevale." She sang these two numbers, last evening, and had, as heretofore, to do twice the work allotted to her by the programme. Besides Mme. Di Murska, Signor Ferranti, Herr Habelmann, M. Sauret, and Mme. Carreno-Sauret appeared on the platform. Two of the familiar buffo-songs of the merry Italian baritone brightened up the assemblage amazingly; Herr Habelmann rendered neatly "Adelaide," "Verlegenheit," and "Mein Engel;" M. Sauret asserted his good technique as a violinist in David's "andante and scherzo," and his pretty little wife played cleanly, among other selections, a nocturne by Chopin, and a waltz written by herself. A matinée by the same artists may be attended to-day, the concert commencing at two o'clock.

### THE OPERA BOUFFE.

As the last nights of the merry and melodious "Princess de Trébèzonde" are announced at the Lyceum Theatre, it may be fairly conjectured that to-day's matinée will be the last but one, if not the final afternoon recital of that popular work. Its tuneful score and mirth-provoking story make up an opera bouffe the like of which it will be hard to find when "La Princesse" is at length removed from the bills.

## DRAMATIC.

### WALLACK'S THEATRE.

Mr. Toole's sojourn at Wallack's is nearing a close we should willingly defer. Mr. Toole's popularity is steadily increasing, and for some days past early application has been necessary to secure desirable seats. We are heartily glad that this result has been attained: the plays he has performed in have been wholesome in tone, as well as delightful to witness, which implies that they have been of a kind to which French dramatists—whom local managers have looked to for some years—have not accustomed us. At the matinée this afternoon, three of Mr. Toole's best minor pieces, *i. e.*, "The Weavers." "Off the Line," and "Ici on parle français," will be acted, and this evening a new three-act drama, called "Uncle Dick's Darling," is to be brought out. Such enjoyable and harmless entertainments cannot be too warmly commended.

### PARK THEATRE.

Mr. J. T. Raymond's performance of *Col. Sellers*, in Mark Twain's drama, "The Gilded Age," has made a decided impression, and the combined effect of his original and elaborate portrayal of that eccentric personage, and of the play itself, which deserves favorable notice as a thoroughly American work, has been to fill the Park Theatre to repletion nightly. Mr. William Stuart, the manager of the Park, reaps, we are glad to see, a liberal reward for his encouragement of the effort to produce an American play. We are, however, particularly satisfied at the good result of his venture, in the belief that the success of the piece may lead to fresh advances of authors and managers in the direction in which Messrs. Stuart and Twain have moved already. A matinée recital of "The Gilded Age" may be enjoyed to-day.

### FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.

"The School for Scandal," as rearranged in London, and acted at Mr. Daly's bright and fashionable house, remains upon the bills, and will be performed at the Fifth Avenue Theatre this afternoon, as well as this evening. The artists who take part in this performance have labored together for years, and, thanks to the homogeneity of the company, no less than to careful rehearsals of Sheridan's matchless comedy, the representation is one of remarkable symmetry and finish.

### UNION SQUARE THEATRE.

The first matinée recital of "The Sphynx" may be attended to-day, and the opportunity of witnessing the drama in the afternoon will doubtless be seized upon with an alacrity which will bring disappointment to many late comers. The performance of "The Sphynx" has gained measurably in smoothness and force since the night when the play was produced, and the marvelously beautiful and realistic stage illustrations are handled with such deftness as to quite do away with the tedious *entr'actes*, which lessened greatly the interest in the story on the night of its first rehearsal. The evening representation occurs as usual.

### BOOTH'S THEATRE.

There will, of course, be a "Connie Soogah" matinée at this house to-day, and as Mr. and Mrs. Williams have numerous friends and admirers among the sex to whose patronage day performances appeal most strongly, the attendance will no doubt be large. The performances of Mr. and Mrs. Williams are not of a kind demanding much critical attention, but they afford lively satisfaction to average audiences—that is to say, to the most sympathetic and largest portion of the public.

### BRIEF MENTION.

There will be a matinée representation of "The Delnge" at Niblo's to-day. At Bryants' Operahouse an afternoon performance may be attended. The regular matinée recital is announced at Wood's Museum. The Colosseum and the Metropolitan Theatre also open their doors by daylight.

### HOW HE WON THE SILVER PLATE.

The St. Louis *Republican* relates the following: "C. Smith Miller, of Gibson County, Ind., represented his district in Congress. While he was in Congress he purchased a magnificent service of silver plate, which made his table shine during his frequent ceremonies of hospitality. At his death, a few years ago, he left the service of silver to one of his two sons, the one first married. Those boys have been watching each other sharp as hawks ever since. Each wanted the silver, and each wanted a good wife, while complying with the conditions of the old man's will. It was not so easy a thing to do after all. A few days ago P. M. J. Miller, the eldest son, slipped off to Evansville on an errand, and while there married Miss Ada Martin, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. But the younger, Hugh Miller, was on the watch. He took Miss Roxie Wilson before a Justice of the Peace and was married to the woman of his choice, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., same day. When P. M. J. Miller and wife arrived at the family residence in Princeton they found Hugh Miller and wife already there, and the table spread with the family silver for the wedding feast. Upon comparing notes it appeared that Hugh was married three hours before his elder brother, and the heirloom therefore passed into his hands."

## THE BANK OF ENGLAND FORGERIES.

### GEO. MACDONALD'S COUNSEL WANT THE DIAMONDS THAT WERE TAKEN FROM HIM—A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

Two gold watches, and a package of unset diamonds, valued at $2,000, were taken from George Macdonald, the Bank of England forger, on his arrival in this country, in March, 1873, and were delivered to the Custom-house authorities. Macdonald assigned this property to his counsel, Messrs. Garvin, Fellows, and Brooks, in payment of their fees, and they applied for it at the Custom-house. Meantime, the counsel for the Bank of England claimed the jewels on the part of the bank, on the ground that they had been bought out of the proceeds of the forgeries. Collector Arthur referred the question to the Secretary of the Treasury, who has recommended that the matter be referred to the United States District Attorney, in order that the matter may be settled in the courts. The following letter was written by Secretary Bristow to Collector Arthur in relation to the affair:

SIR: Application has been made to this department by parties claiming, adversely to each other, ownership of or interest in certain diamonds taken from George Macdonald, and now in your custody.

As the time during which your custody must necessarily continue, in the absence of payment of the duties on these diamonds, has now fully elapsed, it has become necessary to proceed to such collection. For this purpose, in the opinion of the department, two courses are open, one being to order sale of the same as unclaimed goods, reserving any proceeds of such sale, beyond duties and charges, to be paid to any duly proved owner or claimant. The second course is to apply to the United States District Court for determination of ownership through the courts in order that the United States, as holder or custodian, may not become liable by reason of delivery to any claimant not able to prove ownership.

In view of the necessity disclosed in the present case for the exercise of great care in the steps taken to collect the duties and deliver the diamonds or their proceeds to the proper claimant, you are directed to confer with the United Stat s District Attorney as to precedents for suit to be made by you against all the claimants, permitting them to interplead, and the court to decide who is responsible for the duties, such claimant to pay duties and charges and receive the goods.

It will be observed that the goods are, in fact, not unclaimed in the full sense that would authorize the United States to proceed to sale for duties, without recognition of claims to ownership on the one hand, and on the other that no claimant is in position to take the owner's oath.

You will report as early as may be the result of your conference with the District Attorney, and, before taking any other steps than as herein directed, will report any other facts or events bearing on the case. Very respectfully,

B. H. BRISTOW, Secretary.

### PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

Yesterday evening was held the last Friday evening prayer-meeting of the season. In announcing this fact Pastor Halliday said the constant increase of the attendance had been a source of great encouragement and comfort to both him and the Pastor. Prayers were offered during the evening by Rev. Edward Beecher, Rev. Dr. White, and Rossiter Raymond. They all referred to Mr. Beecher. The principal subject of the addresses, which were made by Mr. Raymond and Mr. Horatio King, was the need of strengthening the Sunday and Mission schools.

### ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Vice President Henry Wilson is at the Astor House.

Col. Henry D. Wallen, United States Army, is at the Sturtevant House.

Judge George Sharswood, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

Hon. James E. Harvey, formerly United States Minister to Portugal, is at the New-York Hotel.

Adjt. Gen. James A. Cunningham, of Massachusetts, and Judge T. M. Bowen, of Arkansas, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Commodore Stembel and Capt. J. L. Davis, United Ltates Navy; Dr. E. Eldridge of Elmira, and Congressman S. W. Kellogg, of Connecticut, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Prof. Theodore D. Woolsey, George E. Day, and Charles A. Aiken, members of the Committee on the Revision of the Bible, now in session at the Bible House, are at the Everett House.

### THE HEBREW ORPHAN ASYLUM.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

In reference to the preamble and resolutions of the Directors of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, published in your issue of this day, I take the earliest opportunity to repel, emphatically and absolutely, the imputation upon me contained in the first of those resolutions. The truth of the statements made by me in my editorial in the *New Era* for October shall be promptly and fully proved, and the propriety and purity of my motives for their publication shall be clearly established. Yours respectfully,

RAPHAEL DE LEWIN,
Editor of the *New Era*.

OFFICE OF THE NEW ERA, NEW-YORK, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1874.


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## MARRIED.

CROLIUS—SCOTT.—At Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1874, by Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, WILLIAM H. CROLIUS to SARAH R. SCOTT.

HOPSON—BAILEY.—Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Grace Church, Sheldon, Va., by Rev. Albert H. Bailey, D. D., assisted by Rev. George B. Hopson, Professor in St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., MANSFIELD C. HOPSON to Miss CORNELIA M. BAILEY, daughter of the Rector of the parish.

SMITH—GRAHAM.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Sept. 23, by Rev. J. T. Duryea, D. D., ARTEMAS B. SMITH to MARGARET GRAHAM.

## DIED.

ARCHER.—At Tarrytown, N. Y., on the 25th inst., ANDREW D. ARCHER, in the 69th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at the Second Reformed Church, Tarrytown, on Monday, Sept. 28, at 1 o'clock P. M. Trains leave 42d st. at 10:45 A. M.

CRANE.—On Staten Island, Friday, Sept. 25, 1874, Mrs. CHARLOTTE CRANE, widow of the late Col. J. B. Crane, United States Army.

Funeral on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHARDAVAYNE.—On Friday morning, Sept. 25, THOMAS C. CHARDAVAYNE, in the 30th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Monday afternoon, 28th inst., at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 306 East 15th st. (Stuyvesant square.)

DAWSON.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Sept. 24, JOHN W. DAWSON, a native of Liverpool, Eng., in his 44th year.

Friends of the family, and also members of Long Island Lodge, F. and A. M., are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 91 Fulton street, on Sunday, 27th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

☞ Liverpool, Eng., papers please copy.

GLADWIN.—In Brooklyn, N. Y., at the residence of her father, on Thursday morning, Sept. 24, HELEN MARIA, wife of Sidney M. Gladwin, and daughter of Samuel F. Phelps.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral services, at the residence of her father, No. 203 Clinton st., on Saturday, 26th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

HERRMANCE.—On Thursday morning, Sept. 24, WILLIAM L. HERRMANCE, Jr., only son of William L. and Susie R. Herrmance, aged 14 months.

Funeral on Saturday, at 3 P. M., from residence of his parents, Palisade av., Yonkers. Relatives and friends are invited to be present. Carriages will meet the 2 P. M. train from Grand Central Depot and return at 5:50 P. M.

IRWIN.—In this City, Sept. 25, MAGGIE, eldest daughter of James and Eliza Ann Irwin.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services on Sunday, 27th inst., at 2 P. M., from her father's residence, No. 323 West 36th st.

MACKENZIE.—On Wednesday, the 23d inst., of pulmonary consumption, MORTIMER L., eldest son of George Mackenzie, in the 32d year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of his father, No. 8 West 48th st., New-York, on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 1 o'clock.

SEVENTH (G) COMPANY, SEVENTH REGIMENT, N. G. S. N. Y. NEW-YORK, Sept 23, 1874.

The active and honorary members of this company are requested to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Mortimer L. Mackenzie, from the residence of his father, No. 8 West 48th st., on Saturday, 26th inst., at 1 o'clock.

By order of Capt. GEORGE W. ELY.
JOHN MCGREEVEY, First Sergeant.

ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 321, F. and A. M., NEW-YORK, Sept. 23, 1874.

Members of this lodge are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, Mortimer L. Mackenzie, from the residence of his father, No. 8 West 48th st., on Saturday the 26th inst., at 1 o'clock.

GEORGE W. ELY, M.
E. A. ROGERS, Secretary.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NEW-YORK, Sept. 24, 1874.

Members of this society are hereby requested to attend the funeral of our late fellow-member, MORTIMER L. MACKENZIE, from the residence of his father, No. 8 West 48th st., on Saturday, 26th inst., at 1 P. M.

CHARLES E. ANTHON, President.
WM. POLLON, Secretary.

MIXER.—Suddenly of pneumonia, on Friday, Sept. 25, EVELYN LOUISE, youngest daughter of Emily F., and the late Henry Mixer.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from the residence of her mother, No. 127 Hoyt st., Brooklyn, on Monday, Sept. 28, at 2 o'clock P. M.

RUTHERFORD.—Suddenly, at Washington, D. C., WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, aged 38 years.

Funeral from the residence of his father-in-law, William Fair, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, on Sunday at 1 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend interment in Gree-Wnood.

SCHROEDER.—On Thursday evening, Sept. 24, ERNST, son of Henry C. J. Schroeder, aged 20 years.

Funeral from the residence of his father, Red Bank, N. J., at 2 o'clock P. M. Monday, Sept. 28.

SHEPARD.—At Rocky Hill, N. J., Thursday, Sept. 24, 1874, Mrs. JANE M. SHEPARD, in the 78th year of her age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral at Rocky Hill, 1 P. M. Saturday.

SMITH.—On Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 23, HARRIET A., daughter of James A. Smith.

Funeral services at the residence of her father, No. 26 Irving place, on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 11 o'clock A. M. The remains will be taken to Mount Auburn, Mass., for interment.

WILLIAMS.—On Friday evening, Sept. 25, at the residence of her son, Edgar Williams, Prospect av., corner Wall street, Woodstock, EMMA WILLIAMS, 78 years old, widow of Jesse Williams.

Particulars of funeral hereafter. Hudson, N. Y., papers please copy.

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# COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

## THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT.

### WHAT IT REQUIRES AND HOW TO DO IT.

I.

The "Act to secure to children the benefits of elementary education," (chapter 421, laws of 1874,) imposes the following legal obligations:

1. Every person having the control or charge of any child, between the ages of eight and fourteen years, must see that such child has fourteen weeks schooling each year, eight weeks of which must be consecutive. (See sec. 1.)

The penalty for not doing this is $1 for the first offense, and $5 per week for each week of neglect afterward, up to thirteen weeks in any one year; total penalties per year in each case, $65; the penalties when collected are to be added to school money of the school district in which the offense occurred. (See sec. 5.)

2. Every child between the ages of eight and fourteen years must attend school fourteen weeks per year, eight of which must be consecutive. The penalty for not doing this is to be deemed an habitual truant, and taken charge of by the school authorities and sent to the truant school. (See secs. 7 and 8.)

3. No person or company is allowed to employ any child between the ages of eight and fourteen in any business whatever during the school hours of any school day of the public school in the city or school district where such child is, unless such child has had in the year immediately preceding such employment fourteen weeks' schooling; and at the time of employing such child the employer must receive from the child a certificate of the teacher or School Trustee certifying to such schooling. (See sec. 2.)

The penalty on the employer for violating this requirement is $50 for each offense, the fine to be added to the school money of the school district in which the offense occurs. (See sec. 2.)

II.

### WHO ARE TO ENFORCE THE LAW.

The duty of enforcing this law is imposed upon the Trustees of school districts and public schools and Presidents of union schools for their respective school districts, or in case there are no such officers, then upon such officer as the Board of Education of the city or town may designate. (See secs. 3 and 5.)

The penalty upon the above-named school officers for not attending to their duty in enforcing this law is not prescribed in this statute, for the reason that the Revised Statutes make such neglect of duty by a sworn public officer a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $250 for each offense.

The Board of Education in each city, and a board to be composed of all the School Trustees of the public schools of a town, are, by section 8 of the law, made an educational legislative body for their respective cities or towns, with full and ample powers to make, and are required to make, on or before Jan. 1 next, all needful provisions, arrangements, rules, and regulations, to clear the streets and public places, during school hours of the public schools, of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years.

This code, when prepared by them, must, before it goes into effect, be approved by a Justice of the Supreme Court for the judicial district in which the city or town is situated. (See section 8.) In order to enable them to enforce effectually their code, when so prepared and approved, they are authorized to require the aid and services of the Police of cities and the constables of towns. (See section 8.)

Under this law the school authorities of each city and town have ample power to cure entirely juvenile vagrancy within the boundaries of their respective cities and towns, and also to insure to every child in the State of New-York between the ages of eight and fourteen years, physically and mentally able to receive it, at least fourteen weeks' schooling per year or its equivalent home instruction.

The penalty for not doing this is not prescribed in the act, for the reason that gross neglect of duty by sworn public officers is by the Revised Statutes made a misdemeanor, and punishable as such.

III.

### HOW TO ENFORCE THE LAW.

The theory of the law is that every child in the State between the ages of eight and fourteen is due at the public school in his school district fourteen weeks of each year, eight of which weeks must be consecutive. If he is not at the public school for this period his custodians must give to the school authorities a legal reason for his absence. The average period of instruction at the public schools is twenty-eight weeks annually. This law requires these children to receive for six years only one-half the schooling the State provides for them. Even if vigorously enforced it secures to them barely enough education to become good citizens and useful members of society; hence the greater necessity for perfect enforcement.

1. The key to success in enforcing the law is the Primary School District. The State at large is divided into Primary School Districts, and annually in September the census of the children of the school age within each school district is taken and reported through the proper channel to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at Albany.

2. This year, and annually hereafter, it will be necessary to obtain not only the number of children attending school, but also the number between the ages of eight and fourteen years in each school district.

3. The name, age, residence, and name of the parent or person having charge of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen should also be taken. The school officer will then have a correct list of children of his district whom the law requires to attend school fourteen weeks during the year, and also requires him to see that they attend, or to enforce the penalty upon the parent or custodian. By the aid of this list he can serve the notices upon delinquents with little trouble and delay.

4. A copy of the list of children coming under the law should be furnished to the teacher of the district school. The daily report of attendance kept by this teacher will show at once the absentees; and a list of these sent weekly or monthly to the Trustee or school officer of the district will inform him who are disobeying the law, and of what parties he must collect penalties, unless they furnish to him proof that the absentees either are attending some school, or are regularly taught at home, or are physically or mentally unfitted for attending school.

5. Printed blank forms of notices to delinquents and of summonses for penalties should be furnished by the School Board in each town and city to the Trustee or school officer of each district. If they could be provided by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, so as to be uniform in all the districts, it would be still better.

If each school officer will attend to the business promptly, systematically, and efficiently in his own school district, there will be little trouble in enforcing the law; and, as in every other country where it has been tried for one generation, the law will become so popular that it will by the mere force of public sentiment substantially enforce itself. But if the Trustees and school officers of the district are lax the first year, it will add much to their labors and annoyances in the future.

6. In the [months of February and September in each year the Trustee or school officer of the district is required to visit every establishment in his district where children are employed, and see that all between the ages of eight and fourteen have, within the fifty-two weeks immediately preceding the visit, received at least fourteen weeks' schooling. The first inspection of these places will be next February. It was fixed for that time at the request of the manufacturers, in order that, beginning this Fall, they may by February come under the law without injuriously disturbing their work. It will take but little time of the school officer to inspect a factory, as the manager is on demand obliged to exhibit to him a list of all the children between the said ages in the establishment, with the certificates of each one's schooling.

IV.

### WHAT IS TO BE DONE WHERE THERE ARE NO PRIMARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS?

1. In the City of New-York there are not, and never have been, any school districts, hence much confusion and lack of system in the Department of Education. No annual census is taken of children of the school age in the City. This should be done every September, and the returns made to the Board of Education and to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

2. The City should be divided without delay by the Board of Education into primary-school districts, and the Trustees notified of their respective districts. (See section 3.)

3. A census in each primary-school district must be taken of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen, with their names and residences, and the residence or the parents or custodians of each child.

4. The Board of Education should furnish to each Trustee the said census list of children and parents in his primary school district, and also should furnish the census list of children in the district to the teacher of the district primary school. The Trustee would then know what children and parents were by this law under his jurisdiction, and the teacher of the primary school would know what children ought to be in his school for at least fourteen weeks in the year, unless otherwise receiving the equivalent instruction.

5. The teacher's weekly and monthly report of daily attendance made to the Board of Education and to the Trustee assigned to the district would inform the Trustee what children were apparently delinquents, and should present to the Trustee proofs of attendance on some other school, public or private, or of instruction at home, or of physical or mental incapacity.

6. The Trustee should send immediate written notice to the parents or custodians of the apparent delinquents, requiring them to deliver to him, at a time and place specified, proof that the children were at school, or instructed at home as the law prescribes, or were physically or mentally incapacitated; or, if such was not the fact, to pay the legal penalty. Private blank notices and summonses should be furnished by the Board of Education to each Trustee for this purpose.

Grammar school districts, as well as primary school districts, will soon be a necessity, if our system of public school instruction in New-York City is to be administered with a reasonable degree of precision and perfection.

We have three hundred thousand youth of the school age in the City, and they are now at liberty to wander from school to school as caprice takes them. While this is permitted by the Board of Education, it is as impossible to secure to each a good school training as it would be to instruct and discipline an army of three hundred thousand soldiers without assigning each to a definite company, regiment, division, and army corps. Every public school in the City should have its district, from the two colleges, which would each cover the whole City, down to the primary schools, which would each cover perhaps a one hundred and fiftieth part of the City.

V.

### HOW THIS LAW CURES JUVENILE VAGRANCY.

By section 8 the Board of Education are empowered and required, on or before the 1st day of January next, to prepare a special code of laws for the City, that shall enable them by the aid of the Police to clear the streets and public places of the City of habitual truants, and of all loafers and idlers between the ages of eight and fourteen, and to put these habitual truants and juvenile idlers to school, not for fourteen weeks in each year only, but for the whole year, for the fourteen weeks' limit does not apply to this class of children. They can send all who are Catholic to the Catholic Protectory, and all others to the House of Refuge, or they may provide other places for their discipline, instruction, and confinement. They may require every child between the ages of eight and fourteen found idling in the streets during school hours to present to the Police and truant officers a certificate of his schooling and of some lawful occupation, under penalty of arrest. In short, they can make and enforce, by the whole power of the Police, and of the Civil and Police Justices' Courts, any rule and regulation in this regard that a Justice of the Supreme Court will approve.

No body of men in any city ever had a greater power for good put into their hands; and from the high character of the board and the long experience in school and reformatory work of some of its members, the public may justly expect the most beneficent results. But to prevent disappointment no time is to be lost, for a great deal is to be done before the 1st of January to get everything ready by that day for systematic and effective operations.

DEXTER A. HAWKINS.

# THE JERSEY CITY POLICE MURDER.

## DEATH OF WILLIAM BAGLEY, THE VICTIM OF THE SHOOTING—THE CORONER TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE.

William Bagley, the young man who was shot while being pursued by Officers Duncan, Lott, and Kelly, of the Jersey City Police force, two weeks ago to-day, died in the Jersey City Hospital last evening at 6 o'clock. The circumstances attending the shooting invest it with considerable mystery. On Saturday night, 12th inst., a liquor-dealer named Meehan opened a saloon on Communipaw avenue. Officer Martin Kelly, not in uniform, was present as master of ceremonies. At about 11 o'clock Bagley and a companion, George Kelly by name, entered the saloon, and for an hour drank freely. Soon after midnight Kelly felt stupid in consequence of his frequent libations, and laid down on a beer barrel to sleep. Meehan undertook to put him out, but he resisted, and Officer Kelly seized him and threw him out into the street, striking him a heavy blow in the face at the same time. Bagley went out, and was commiserating with his friend on the street corner, when Officer Duncan ordered them to move on. Kelly refused to do so, and Officer Kelly stepped out into the street. The officer took George Kelly into custody, and Officer Duncan took Bagley. Bagley broke away, and was pursued by Duncan, who fired at him. Officer Lott, who was on duty in the vicinity, heard the shooting, and seeing the prisoner fleeing, also fired. Five shots were fired altogether. At the last shot Bagley fell. He and Kelly were taken to the station-house, and a charge of disorderly conduct preferred against them. It was then ascertained that Bagley had been shot, and he was taken to the hospital. A ball was subsequently extracted from his head. Dr. Watson, who attended him, believes that another ball not yet found must have entered the brain. A singular feature of the case is that the ball taken from Bagley's head will not fit the pistols which Duncan and Lott carried. It does, however, fit Officer Kelly's pistol, and against this presumption raised by this fact is the statement of Officer Kelly that he did not have his pistol with him that night, and the statement of George Kelly, whom he had in custody, that the officer did not shoot while on his way to the station-house.

Bagley lay unconscious at the hospital for a couple of days, then rallied, and hopes were entertained of his recovery. He sank again, and his ante-mortem statement was taken. He afterward rallied somewhat, but on Thursday evening he became unconscious and delirious, and continued so until last night, when he died.

Officers Duncan, Lott, and Kelly, who had been released on their own recognizances, were yesterday rearrested, and are held to await the result of the Coroner's inquest. County Physician Stout was notified, and he has ordered Coroner Reinhardt to hold an inquest. A post-mortem examination will be made this morning.

# THE UNTAMED HORSES OF THE FOURTH AVENUE LINE.

Daniel Kane, the driver of an omnibus on the Fourth Avenue Line, was yesterday arraigned, by Mr. Bergh, before Justice Sherwood, at the Yorkville Police Court, to answer for driving an old and spavined horse. The animal was suffering from a number of other diseases also, and was so infirm that it could with difficulty keep on its feet. The driver admitted that the horse was in an unsound condition, but pleaded in extenuation the fact that he, a few days ago, remonstrated with the foreman of the stables, and asked for another team. The foreman told him to mind his own business or a vacancy would soon exist in the list of drivers. The Judge said that, under these circumstances, it would be a manifest injustice to punish Kane, but that he was afraid the law permitted no other course. Mr. Bergh then asked why it would not be proper to arrest the owners of the line, Messrs. Vanderbilt, Marshall, and Wilkins. Justice Sherwood declined to act on this suggestion, as it was reasonable to presume that the gentlemen named were unacquainted with the condition of the horse. He would, however, issue a warrant for the arrest of the foreman, and hold Kane to await further developments. The warrant was given to Mr. Bergh for service. Later in the day the foreman, Charles G. Brunell, was taken into custody and held in $300 bail to answer at the Court of Special Sessions. Kane was discharged.

# THE FALL TRADE.

The present week being the one corresponding to that preceding last year's panic, merchants are generally comparing their present trade with their trade then. Extensive inquiries among them show that they regard the outlook very hopefully. It is true that sales are not so large this week as on the corresponding one last year, but a very fair trade is being universally done. A comparison by the number of dollars' worth sold is thought to be an unfair one, because of the exceedingly low rates now obtaining. One large house on Broadway said that their sales of $40,000 on one day this season fully equaled in quantity of goods sold a trade of $50,000 last year—the difference representing a corresponding difference in the price of the goods. Another peculiarity of this season seems to be that the trade is being done this week which was done in the preceding week last year. The reason is that the trade this year is, so to speak, a hand to mouth one. The country retailers bought only those goods which they saw their way to selling. Now they are back again completing their purchases which last year they would have made all at once. Generally speaking, a very fair average trade is being done with good promise of increase; but at the same time those merchants inquired of universally deny that anything unusual is being done in any line of goods or on any particular day—the rumor to the contrary notwithstanding.

# MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS.

## OPENING OF BIDS FOR WORK IN CENTRAL AND FIVE POINTS PARKS—THE WEBSTER MONUMENT — COMMUNICATION FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

A special meeting of the Park Commissioners was held yesterday for the purpose of disposing of several matters of importance awaiting action by the department. Bids were received as follows: For the mason and stone-cutter's work on the Outect Arch in Central Park eight proposals were opened, ranging from $11,920 to $7,000. For the iron, painting, and carpenter-work on the same, one proposal of $16,450 was received. For the mason and stone-cutter's work on the Gapston Bridge in Central Park, eight proposals were opened, ranging from $9,642 to $5,967. For the iron, painting, and carpenter-work on the same one proposal of $3,750 was received.

For the concrete pavement on Five Points Park, two bids were received, one at twenty-eight cents per square foot, the other at forty-seven cents per square foot.

The following series of resolutions was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the board would be gratified to be able to place a worthy colossal statue in bronze, of Daniel Webster, on the Central Park, in accordance with the munificent proposition of Gordon W. Burnham, Esq.

*Resolved*, That pending the undertaking of Mr. Burnham, the site at the junction of the middle and west drives, south of the lake, shall be reserved against any other permanent use or appropriation than that proposed by him.

A communication from E. Delafield Smith, Counsel to the Corporation, was received, advising the department that, in order to guard against a possibility of assessments being set aside, it is expedient to obtain an ordinance of the Common Council in cases where sewers are to be constructed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the newly annexed district. Acting upon this advice, application was made by the department to the Common Council for permission to construct sewers in One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Third avenue to Mill Brook, and in Third and Willis avenues, from One Hundred and Forty-third to One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets. The board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

# POLICE MATTERS.

## PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF DOWN-TOWN PRECINCTS — FOUR PATROLMEN DISMISSED—MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

At the meeting of the Board of Police yesterday Commissioner Diabecker offered the following resolutions, which have for their object the consolidation of certain precincts in the lower portion of the City:

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to abolish the Second, Third, and Twenty-eighth Precincts, and to reorganize them on the following basis: The territory and force of the Second Precinct to be divided between the Fifth and Fourth Precincts, the territory and force of the Third Precinct to be divided between the Fifth and Twenty-seventh Precincts, the territory and force of the Twenty-eighth Precinct to be divided between the Eighth and Ninth Precincts; Fulton street to be the line of division of the Second Precinct, Murray street of the Third Precinct, and Carmine and Clarkson streets of the Twenty-eighth Precinct.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk frame and submit to this board resolutions for carrying into effect the foregoing resolution.

Commissioner Voorhis, in speaking to the resolution, said that he desired to have the board make certain changes in the present boundaries of the Nineteenth, Twenty-second, and Twenty-ninth Precincts, and asked the board to consider the desirability of these changes in connection with the resolutions given above. It was, he said, highly necessary to form a new precinct up-town, if the board determined to abolish the down-town precinct referred to.

The whole subject was referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

The bids for election advertising from the newspapers were then opened, and the contract was given to Jay Gould's organ, and one other morning paper, to be designated by the Chief of the Bureau of Elections.

The case of Patrolman Nicholas Dugan, of the Nineteenth Precinct, was then called up. The patrolman was tried for having abandoned his post and remained in an umbrella factory for several hours. Commissioner Voorhis, in making a motion for the dismissal of the officer, remarked that Dugan had admitted the charge after having vainly attempted to bribe Capt. Wm. H. Vale, Jr., Lieut. C. Collins, L. M. Ballard, A. V. Canfield, Jr., F. S. Gardner, E. H. Sanford, and Col. H. A. Gildersleeve. The team commenced practicing the following Saturday, and continued to do so until the 15th inst., when a final selection of a team was made, which included the following members: Henry Fulton, H. A. Gildersleeve, C. T. Dakin, L. L. Hepburn, G. W. Yale, J. T. B. Collins, J. Hodine, and A. Anderson. The reserve comprised E. H. Sanford, J. S. Conlin, L. M. Ballard, F. S. Gardner, and A. V. Canfield, Jr. The team commenced work in earnest, and availed themselves of the experience made daily by one another, the force of the wind, quality and quantity of powder used, &c. The result of these competitions has been highly gratifying, both to the contestants themselves and friends. The scores recorded by the latter on Saturday were the highest ever made under the same conditions upon any range. The following table indicates the highest scores made on the range at Wimbledon from the opening up to the present year, the highest attainable number being 1,440 points:

| Year. | Scores. | Year. | Winner. | Score. |
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| 1862 | England | 990 | 1868 | England | 1,196 |
| 1863 | England | 1,082 | 1869 | Scotland | 1,149 |
| 1864 | Scotland | 989 | 1870 | England | 1,166 |
| 1865 | England | 1,051 | 1871 | England | 1,204 |
| 1866 | England | 1,170 | 1872 | England | 1,165 |
| 1867 | England | 1,097 | 1873 | Ireland | 1,195 |

It will be observed that the highest score ever made at the latter range was made by the English team in the year 1871.

The members of the respective teams have adopted various positions for shooting. Lieut. Fulton, the "crack" shot in the American team, lies on his back, and rests the barrel of his gun between his knees, with the breech elevated slightly above the right shoulder. He then places his left arm back of his neck, and grasps the butt of his gun firmly with his left hand. To prevent the recoil of the gun from injuring his face he places a small cushion between his jaw and the gun. He uses a Remington sporting-rifle, shooting ninety-five grains of powder to the charge. Col. Gildersleeve, Gen. Dakin, and Col. Bodine adopt the military position, lying flat on the breast, and resting the elbows on the ground. The former uses a Sharpe's, and the two latter Remington sporting rifles. Messrs. Yale and Hepburn lie on the back, supporting the piece on the knees, resting the butt against the right shoulder. The left arm is then thrown over the breast, while the left hand grasps the gun immediately behind the hammer. The Irish team all adopt the military position, with the exception of Mr. Millner, who occupies a position similar to Messrs. Yale and Hepburn. They use Rigby muzzle-loading rifles, and shoot a charge consisting of ninety grains of powder.

The targets to be used, as already published, are of cast-iron, 12 feet long and 6 feet 6 inches width, with a centre line 6 feet, and a bull's eye 3 feet square.

The Range Committee have made arrangements to accommodate a large concourse of visitors to-day. An admission fee of fifty cents will be charged to all but members of the National Rifle Association, who will be required to wear their badges to secure admittance. The match will begin promptly at 10:30 o'clock A. M., at the 800 yards range, the Irish team occupying two targets on the right of the field, and the Americans two adjoining on the left. The grounds may be reached by the Central Railroad of Long Island. The management announce that additional trains will be provided, leaving Hunter's Point at 9 A. M. and 12:30 P. M.

# TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE AERIAL FIRE LADDER.

Controller Green paid, yesterday, $25,000 to the counsel of May Belle Scott Uda—being the amount of her claim against the City in pursuance of a contract made with her by the Fire Department. This amount was included in the estimate of the latter to the Board of Apportionment. The money was paid for the right to manufacture Mrs. Uda's Aerial Fire Ladder, which was tested some time ago in the City Hall Park. Mr. A. L. Earle, now Deputy Controller, when Auditor of Accounts, audited the claim under protest, the Corporation Counsel having urged the payment of the bill, and notifying him that he had no defense to the lady's action. The Controller then sent a communication to the Corporation Counsel in which he expressed opposition to the bill, but the former, through his assistant replied that no new facts had been presented in the letter. Judgment for the amount was subsequently obtained in the Supreme Court, the claim not having been resisted by the Corporation Counsel, and it was paid with costs yesterday. Among those who pressed the claims of Mrs. Uda were Mayor Havemeyer and Fire Commissioner Perley.

# SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A SUPPOSED BURGLAR.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning, a milkman driving through Second avenue noticed four suspicious looking men on the piazza of an extension in the rear of the Germania Assembly Rooms, No. 291 Bowery. Believing them to be burglars the milkman went in search of a policeman, and finding an officer attached to the Seventeenth Precinct, informed him of what he had seen. The policeman, summoning assistance, repaired to the place indicated, but the men had disappeared, and no trace of them could be found. No further attention was paid to the matter until about 7 o'clock, when one of the men employed at the Germania Assembly Rooms found a man lying on the second floor of the rear extension, directly beneath the sky-light, which was very much broken. The man appeared to be suffering intense pain, but refused to give any explanation of his presence in the house. The police were notified, and the man was conveyed on a stretcher to the station-house, as he was entirely helpless. Police Surgeon Bolton was summoned, and, on examination, he found that the man, who gave his name as John Donohue, was suffering from a fractured thigh. He persistently refused to give the Police any particulars about himself, or the manner in which he had received the injury which had disabled him. It was evident, however, that Donohue was one of the four men who were seen by the above-mentioned milkman on the piazza of the rear extension, and that he was a burglar, intent upon robbing the house. After gaining the roof of the extension it is probable that he stepped upon the sky-light, which gave way beneath him, and he was precipitated to the floor beneath. He fell a distance of twenty feet, and the result was a fractured thigh. His companions, becoming alarmed at the accident, fled, leaving their comrade to his fate. Donohue was removed to Bellevue Hospital, and will be detained there as a prisoner.

# SPOTTING A "SPOTTER."

Walter Pitt, a conductor in the employ of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, yesterday caused the arrest of a "spotter" in the service of the same corporation, named Stephen Force. Pitt alleges that yesterday morning the prisoner got on his car at Peck slip, and on the trip upward became quite sociable and chatty. After gaining, as he supposed, the confidence of the conductor, he informed him that he was one of the company's "counters," and proposed that in future they work in concert—that is, if the conductor collected 100 fares and turned in fifty, the "spotter" would report that but fifty passengers were carried, provided Pitt shared the other fifty fares with him. The conductor, after fully satisfying himself that Force was really a "spotter," gave him a marked $1 bill, call Officer Cronin, of the mounted squad, and handed him into custody. Force was taken before Justice Sherwood, at the Yorkville Police Court, where, upon the complaint of Mr. Mehrbach, President of the company, he was committed for examination in default of $300 bail. The conductor was also held on a technical charge of conspiracy. Superintendent Smith became his surety.

# ANOTHER HOMICIDE.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Kessler in the case of Thomas A. Lavin, whose death, it was charged, resulted from injuries received at the hands of James Burke during a fight in front of No. 10 Eldridge street on Saturday night last. The evidence showed that Lavin, who was drunk, displayed a knife in Canal street during the early part of the evening, and said he would cut Burke open; that he afterward went to Burke's place, and that a fight followed, during which he was knocked down and kicked about the head by Burke. The injuries so received caused his death. A verdict was rendered against Burke, who was committed to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

# CREEDMOOR.

## THE INTERNATIONAL RIFLE MATCH.

### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST—REVIEW OF THE TEAM-PRACTICE—PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY—INTERESTING FACTS FOR VISITORS TO THE RANGE TO-DAY.

The long-talked-of international rifle contest between the representative teams of Ireland and America will take place on the range at Creedmoor, Long Island, to-day. The result will be anxiously looked for, and should the American team win the match a large amount of money will change hands. Rifle-shooting at long range is an innovation in this country. Previous to the opening of the range at Creedmoor, none of the present members of the American team had ever contested in a target-match at a greater distance than 500 yards. The first "long-range" match at Creedmoor took place during the Fall meeting of the National Rifle Association last year. The match was entitled the "sharpshooters' championship," and was open to all comers. The distances were 800 and 1,000 yards, seven shots at each range, making the highest attainable score at both distances fifty-six points. The best score recorded by an American marksman was thirty-seven, made by Lieut. Fulton. On November 15, 1873, Messrs. Remington & Sons—with a view to encouraging long-range marksmanship—offered a valuable diamond badge for competition, to become the property of the marksman winning it three times. This developed an interest in long-range shooting which has steadily increased up to the present time. The badge has been won twice by several parties, but no one has yet been so fortunate as to become absolute possessor. Soon after the Irish "eight" won the "Elcho" shield at Wimbledon, in 1873, thus achieving a victory over the English and Scotch marksmen, they decided to send a challenge to this country, which was as follows:

*Challenge to the Riflemen of America from the Riflemen of Ireland, represented by the Irish Rifle Association:*

Mr. Arthur Blennerhassett Leech, founder in 1867 of the Irish Rifle Association, will select from the members of the team which he will match against an equal number of the representative American rifle shots, to shoot in the United States, in the autumn of 1874, on the following conditions:

*Targets, scoring, &c.*, same as adopted by the National Rifle Association of Great Britain at Wimbledon, 1873. (When the Irish eight won the international match for the "Elcho" shield, beating England and Scotland.

*Ranges*—800, 900, 1,000, and 1,100 yards.

*Rifles*—Any not exceeding ten pounds' weight, but without telescopic sights or hair-triggers.

*Position*—Any, but no artificial rest permitted either for the rifle or person of the shooter.

The Irish team will be composed exclusively of riflemen born in the United States, and to shoot with rifles of American manufacture.

The Irish team will shoot with rifles made by Rigby, of Dublin.

As this challenge is given to decide the title to the rifle championship of the world, Mr. Leech will require a sufficient stake put down, not for the sake of a trifling pecuniary gain, but as a guarantee that the Irish team will meet the representative shots of America.

Mr. Leech desires to draw the attention of the American people to the fact that the laws of Great Britain forbid the formation in Ireland of rifle corps similar to those which exist in great numbers in England and Scotland, and that any skill acquired by Irishmen in rifle-shooting is the result of individual exertion under difficulties arising from discouraging legislation.

At the time the challenge was received the Amateur Rifle Club was in a primitive state, but being the only organization of the kind in the country, the members, after due consultation, concluded to accept the challenge, with a few alterations in the conditions, chiefly the limitation of the distances to be covered to 1,000 yards. Col. Wingate, the President of the Amateur Rifle Club, then entered into correspondence with Major Leech, which resulted in the acceptance of the challenge. The Executive Committee of the Amateur Rifle Club then extended a general invitation to the marksmen of the United States to co-operate with its members in the endeavor to select a "team" which should fairly represent this country in the coming contest. Notice was also given that six competitions would be held at Creedmoor, Long Island, on July 15, 18, 22, and 29, and Aug. 1 and 5, for the purpose of making the selection. In response to the invitation, Messrs. Hepburn and Yale, of the present team, and several others doing business in other cities, presented themselves and took part in nearly all of the competitions. At the conclusion of this series of contests, a team of twelve, comprising the following members, was selected to form the team and reserve: H. Fulton, L. L. Hepburn, A. Anderson, T. S. Conlin, T. S. Dakin, G. W. Yale, J. T. B. Collins, L. M. Ballard, A. V. Canfield, Jr., F. S. Gardner, E. H. Sanford, and Col. H. A. Gildersleeve. The team commenced practicing the following Saturday, and continued to do so until the 15th inst., when a final selection of a team was made, which included the following members: Henry Fulton, H. A. Gildersleeve, C. T. Dakin, L. L. Hepburn, G. W. Yale, J. T. B. Collins, J. Hodine, and A. Anderson. The reserve comprised E. H. Sanford, J. S. Conlin, L. M. Ballard, F. S. Gardner, and A. V. Canfield, Jr. The team commenced work in earnest, and availed themselves of the experience made daily by one another, the force of the wind, quality and quantity of powder used, &c. The result of these competitions has been highly gratifying, both to the contestants themselves and friends. The scores recorded by the latter on Saturday were the highest ever made under the same conditions upon any range. The following table indicates the highest scores made on the range at Wimbledon from the opening up to the present year, the highest attainable number being 1,440 points:

| Year. | Scores. | Year. | Winner. | Score. |
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| 1862 | England | 990 | 1868 | England | 1,196 |
| 1863 | England | 1,082 | 1869 | Scotland | 1,149 |
| 1864 | Scotland | 989 | 1870 | England | 1,166 |
| 1865 | England | 1,051 | 1871 | England | 1,204 |
| 1866 | England | 1,170 | 1872 | England | 1,165 |
| 1867 | England | 1,097 | 1873 | Ireland | 1,195 |

It will be observed that the highest score ever made at the latter range was made by the English team in the year 1871.

The members of the respective teams have adopted various positions for shooting. Lieut. Fulton, the "crack" shot in the American team, lies on his back, and rests the barrel of his gun between his knees, with the breech elevated slightly above the right shoulder. He then places his left arm back of his neck, and grasps the butt of his gun firmly with his left hand. To prevent the recoil of the gun from injuring his face he places a small cushion between his jaw and the gun. He uses a Remington sporting-rifle, shooting ninety-five grains of powder to the charge. Col. Gildersleeve, Gen. Dakin, and Col. Bodine adopt the military position, lying flat on the breast, and resting the elbows on the ground. The former uses a Sharpe's, and the two latter Remington sporting rifles. Messrs. Yale and Hepburn lie on the back, supporting the piece on the knees, resting the butt against the right shoulder. The left arm is then thrown over the breast, while the left hand grasps the gun immediately behind the hammer. The Irish team all adopt the military position, with the exception of Mr. K. Millner, who occupies a position similar to Messrs. Yale and Hepburn. They use Rigby muzzle-loading rifles, and shoot a charge consisting of ninety grains of powder.

The targets to be used, as already published, are of cast-iron, 12 feet long and 6 feet 6 inches width, with a centre line 6 feet, and a bull's eye 3 feet square.

The Range Committee have made arrangements to accommodate a large concourse of visitors to-day. An admission fee of fifty cents will be charged to all but members of the National Rifle Association, who will be required to wear their badges to secure admittance. The match will begin promptly at 10:30 o'clock A. M., at the 800 yards range, the Irish team occupying two targets on the right of the field, and the Americans two adjoining on the left. The grounds may be reached by the Central Railroad of Long Island. The management announce that additional trains will be provided, leaving Hunter's Point at 9 A. M. and 12:30 P. M.

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# TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY.

A flashily-dressed man, who gives his name as George A. Allen, a hotel-keeper of Savannah, Ga., entered the barber-shop of Angelo Amato, No. 180 Fulton street, yesterday afternoon. He got shaved, and, pretending to look for his own coat, put his hand in the pocket of a coat containing two bracelets, value $75, owned by Mr. Leonard P. Greer, of No. 77 Nassau street. He was observed, however, by Mr. Amato, who procured his arrest. On being arraigned before Justice Wandell, at the Tombs, he said he knew nothing about the affair, and was held for trial.

# A CASE OF ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

John Dunley, of No. 776 Eleventh avenue, who was shot on Tuesday morning by John McDonald, of No. 550 West Forty-ninth street, in a drunken brawl on the corner of Eleventh avenue and Forty-eighth street, was yesterday able to leave the Reception Hospital, and appear at the Yorkville Police Court against his assailant. It appearing that the shooting was purely accidental and partly due to the recklessness of Dunley, and he also declining to press the complaint, McDonald was discharged.

# COTTON EXCHANGE.

The Board of Managers of the Cotton Exchange have adopted a number of new by-laws for the purpose of assimilating the new classification of cotton, as adopted by the National Cotton Convention, with the present classification of the Exchange. The new classification will be the basis for all transactions in "futures" after the 1st of next September. With reference to the other business at the Exchange, the new classification will go into effect Oct. 1. All quotations will hereafter be made upon the new classification. These by-laws will be considered at a meeting of the Exchange called for Sept. 20.

# ORGAN EXHIBITION.

This afternoon George Jardine & Son will exhibit at their factory, No. 318 East Thirty-ninth street, a large and fine organ built by them for St. Augustine's Church, at Lansingburg, N. Y., at a cost of $4,000. It has two manuals, two octaves of pedals, and twenty-six registers, some of them of the largest class. The "clarionet" and "violoncello" stops are particularly rich and powerful, and the action work is on a new design, invented by Mr. Jardine, which makes the touch quick and responsive. The case, of Gothic design, measures eighteen feet wide, twenty-six feet high, and ten feet deep. The front pipes are handsomely decorated from original designs.

# THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Friday, Sept. 25, A. J. Bleecker, Son & White sold under a foreclosure decree, Stephen J. Bidlack, Esq., Referee, a four-story brown-stone-front house, with lot 20 by 90, on East Fiftieth street, south side, 120 feet east of First avenue, for $13,950, to W. A. Leggett, but the purchaser not qualifying, the property was resold for $11,950, to Thomas L. Diabrow, plaintiff in the legal action. The same firm also sold, under a similar court order, William Bruerton, Esq., Referee, a plot of land, 100 by 200, with buildings thereon, known as Croddy's Hotel, situate on Sylvan avenue, southeast corner of Oxford place, West Farms, Twenty-third Ward, for $5,500, to Townsend Poole, first mortgagee. R. V. Harnett, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, John R. Fellows, Esq., Referee, disposed of a lot, 25 by 75, on Second avenue, west side, 25.5 feet south of Forty-fifth street, for $7,700, which property was bought by the plaintiffs in the foreclosure suit, John Schappert and Julius C. Schlacter. No other business was transacted. For to-day no other sales are noticed.

At Paterson, N. J., on Thursday, Sept. 24, Jere. Johnson, Jr., and J. M. Hindle, report having sold ninety-five lots, the property of the estate of John R. Gould, deceased, for $14,375, in the total, being an average of $146 per lot. A detailed report of this auction is appended. Concerning the sale held at Astoria, L. I., on Thursday, by Lawrence & Co., no report could be obtained yesterday.

## EXCHANGE SALES—FRIDAY, SEPT. 25.

### NEW-YORK.

*By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.*

1 four-story house and lot East 50th st., s. s., 120 ft. e. of 1st av., lot 20x90 ..... $11,950
1 plot, with buildings known as "Croddy's Hotel," 5th Van Ness av., near Oxford place, West Farms, Twenty-third Ward, plot 100x200 ..... 5,500

*By R. V. Harnett.*

1 lot, 2d av., w. s., 25.5 ft. s. of 45th st., 27x75. $7,700

## SUBURBAN AUCTION—THURSDAY, SEPT. 24.

### PATERSON, N. J.

*By Jere. Johnson, Jr., & J. M Hindle.*

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| 2 lots on Summit av., corner William st.; J. Henderson ..... | $440 |
| 2 lots on Summit av., adjoining; J. Henderson.. | 430 |
| 2 lots on Summit av., adjoining; T. B. Hall..... | 420 |
| 1 lot on Summit av., adjoining; Eliza Coulie.... | 180 |
| 2 lots on Summit av., adjoining; G. Shelley.... | 370 |
| 2 lots on Summit av., adjoining; M. Morris..... | 430 |
| 2 lots corner Mountain and Penner avs.; M. Morris ..... | 495 |
| 1 lot on Mountain av., adjoining; M. Morris.... | 242 |
| 1 lot on Mountain av., adjoining; M. Morris.... | 257 |
| 1 lot on Mountain av., adjoining; W. Newell.... | 245 |
| 1 lot on Mountain av., adjoining; Mrs. Van Winkle ..... | 250 |
| 1 lot on Mountain av., adjoining; Mrs. Van Winkle ..... | 240 |
| 1 lot on Mountain av., adjoining; Mrs. Cass

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## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—SEPT. 25.

SALES DURING THE DAY—10 A. M.

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| 100 | Pacific Mail | 30 | 100 | Ohio & Miss. | 23 |
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assisted by Dr. George S. Blackie, of the Universities of Edinburgh and Bonn,

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NO. 52 WEST 47TH ST., NEW-YORK,

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### MISS SPRING'S

ENGLISH AND FRENCH DAY SCHOOL

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Boys under ten will be received; pupils have entrance to Gramercy Park at recess.

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No. 222 Madison av., New-York, English, French, and German boarding and day school for young ladies, will reopen WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23, 1874. Mme. Mears will be at home Sept. 1.

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FEODOR THORSON, Principal.

MRS. WILLIAMES, NO. 26 WEST 39TH ST. will reopen her English and French Boarding and Day School for young ladies and children THURSDAY, Sept. 24.

THE ELIZABETH INSTITUTE, A BOARDing and day school for young ladies, will reopen Sept. 16, 1874, at the Valley Mills, N. C. READ, No. 521 North Broad st., Elizabeth, N. J.

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MRS. N. H. GILLET WILL OPEN A BOARDING and day school, for young ladies and children, on THURSDAY, Sept. 24, at Orange, N. J.

THE MISSES ROGERS' ENGLISH AND FRENCH Boarding and Day School for young ladies and children, 352 West 20th st., N. Y., reopens Sept. 16.

MRS. J. T. BENEDICT'S BOARDING AND Day School for young ladies and children, No. 7 East 42d st., New-York, will reopen Sept. 23.

### NOW, BOYS, FOR WORK.

Sept. 21, Lyric Hall, 6th av., between 41st and 42d sts.

MISS M. W. WARREN.

MR. CORNWALL'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND young gentlemen advanced in study, No. 1,267 Broadway, will reopen MONDAY, Sept. 21.

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SPANISH LANGUAGE FREE OF CHARGE in the Evening High School, 13th st., near 6th av.; private lessons at No. 789 6th av., by Prof. DE TORNOS.

KINDERGARTEN.—MISS ISABEL S. MOORE will reopen Sept. 29, in Sunday-school-room of New Jerusalem Church, No. 114 East 35th st.

J. H. MORSE'S ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL School for Boys, 1,267 Broadway, reopens Sept. 23.

MISS F. B. PRIEST'S SCHOOL, NO. 229 EAST 19th st., will reopen TUESDAY, Sept. 22.

BOYS' SCHOOL.—52 weeks, $273. No extras. S. C. Shortlidge, A. M., (Harvard,) Kennett square, Pa.

MISS GIBBONS' ENGLISH AND FRENCH School for Girls, No. 111 West 44th st. Reopens Sept. 21.

MISS S. M. ROGERS' SCHOOL WILL RE-open Sept. 21. Lexington av., south-east corner of 37th st.

MRS. JONSON AND MISS JONES' SCHOOL for young ladies and children, No. 13 East 31st st.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG BOYS, 358 LEXINGTON Av., between 40th and 41st sts., will reopen Sept. 21.

CLAVERACK College and H. R. Inst., at Claverack, N. Y. Opens Sept. 7. ALONZO FLACK Ph. D., Pres.

## LAW SCHOOLS.

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OFFICE OF THE RUTGERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 180 CHATHAM SQUARE, JUNCTION MOTT AND WORTH STS. NEW-YORK, Sept. 20, 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for a Board of Directors of this Company will be held at this office on MONDAY, Oct. 5, 1874.

Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JOSEPH W. BUGBEE, Secretary.

## PROPOSALS.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Sealed proposals will be received by the School Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Monday, the 5th day of October, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, for furnishing the Normal College building with lightning-rods.

Sealed proposals will also be received by said committee, at the same time and place, for iron railings, &c., for inclosing the site of said buildings.

Sealed proposals will also be received by said committee, at the same time and place, for the flagging, curbing, &c., required for walks and yards around said buildings.

Specifications and drawings may be seen, and all necessary information obtained at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from each successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The names of parties submitting proposals must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing a proposal.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

JAMES W. FARR,
JOHN CROMBIE BROWN,
ALBERT KLAMROTH,
RANH. W. TOWNSEND,
JAMES M. HALSTEAD,
Committee on Normal Schools.

Dated NEW-YORK, Sept. 19, 1874.

### SHEETING, BLANKETS, &c.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Department of Public Charities and Correction until 10 o'clock A. M., Oct. 1, 1874, for brown sheeting, blankets, flannel, brogans, socks, &c.

For particulars see the *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

### ROOFING TOMPKINS MARKET.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Department of Public Works till 12 o'clock, noon, Oct. 2, 1874, for carpenter work, roofing, and slating, and plastering for new roof on Tompkins Market.

For particulars see the *City Record*, copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, THIRD STORY, UNION BANK BUILDING, FAYETTE, NEAR CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 17, 1874.

PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING IN WICOMICO River, Maryland, will be received until noon of Oct. 17, 1874, and opened immediately thereafter.

Blank forms, specifications, and any desired information, can be had on application at this office.

WM. P. CRAIGHILL,
Major of Engineers, United States Army.

## SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN H. VEHSLAGE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the residence of John G. Vehslage, No. 72 North Moore street, in the City of New-York, on or before the twelfth day of January next.—Dated New-York, the second day of July, 1874.

CATHARINE MARGARET VEHSLAGE, Executrix.
JOHN H. G. VEHSLAGE,
JOHN H. G. HILDEBRAND, Executors.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JANE MARY THORN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of John B. Thorn, Esq., No. 67 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of December next.—Dated New-York, the 27th day of May, 1874.

JOHN B. STEVENS,
EUGENE THORN, Executors.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN SLADE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their office, Nos. 66 and 68 Wroth street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of December next.—Dated New-York, the 22d day of May, 1874.

JOHN M. SLADE,
FRANCIS B. SLADE, Executors.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JANE A. FOWLER, also known as JANE A. THOMPSON, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, No. 290 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of October next.—Dated New-York, the 27th day of March, 1874.

TOWNSEND WANDELL, Executor.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against BENJAMIN F. BREEDEN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, No. 39 Barclay street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 16th day of March next.—Dated, New-York, the 11th day of September, 1874.

WILLIAM H. BREEDEN, Administrator.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all creditors of and persons having claims against JOHN C. HEENAN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, that they are, and they hereby are, required to exhibit their said claims, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, (the administratrix of said John C. Heenan,) at the office of George Owen, Esq., No. 294 Broadway, (Room No. 9,) in the City of New-York, her place of transaction of business, on or before the 19th day of January, 1875.

SARA B. S. HEENAN,
jy11-1aw6m8 Administratrix.

## PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, FOR STREETS, AVENUES, AND PARK OPENINGS, WIDENINGS, AND EXTENSIONS.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF ARREARS, Sept. 1, 1874.

Under the Direction of ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller of the City of New-York, the undersigned hereby gives public notice, pursuant to the provisions of the act, entitled an act for the Collection of Taxes, Assessments, and Croton Water Rents in the City of New-York, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto, passed April 8, 1871, that the respective owners of all the lands and tenements on which assessments have been laid and confirmed, and are now due and unpaid, and have remained due and unpaid since the confirmation of said assessments for streets, avenues, and park openings, widenings, and extensions, confirmed prior to Jan. 1, 1871, are required to pay the amount of the assessments so due, and remaining unpaid, to the Clerk of Arrears, at his office in the Finance Department, in the New Court-house, in the City of New-York, together with the interest thereon at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, to the time of payment, with the charges of this notice and advertisement. And if payment shall be made in such payment, such lands and tenements will be sold at public action at the New County Court-house in the City Hall Park, in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, Dec. 15, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, for the the lowest term of years at which any person shall offer to take the same, in consideration of advancing the amount of the assessment so due and unpaid, and the interest thereon, as aforesaid, to the time of the sale, and together with the charges of this notice and advertisement, and all other costs and charges accrued thereon, and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all the lands and tenements here advertised for sale, shall be sold. And notice is hereby further given, that a detailed statement of the assessments, the ownership of the property assessed, and on which the assessments are due and unpaid, is published in a pamphlet, and that copies of the pamphlet are deposited in the office of the Clerk of Arrears, in the Finance Department, and will be delivered to any person applying for the same.

A. S. CADY, Clerk of Arrears.

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Sailing every THURSDAY from Philadelphia, and Sailing every WEDNESDAY, from Liverpool.

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| ILLINOIS | Oct. 1 | INDIANA | Oct. 22 |
| OHIO | Oct. 8 | *ABBOTSFORD | Oct. 29 |
| *KENILWORTH | Oct. 15 | PENNSYLVANIA | Nov. 5 |

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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

| FROM NEW-YORK. | FROM NEW-YORK. |
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| Calabria, Sat'day, Sept. 26 | *Russia, Wed'day, Oct. 14 |
| Algeria, Wed'day, Sept. 30 | Java, Saturday, Oct. 17 |
| Batavia, Saturday, Oct. 3 | *Columbia, Wed'day, Oct. 21 |
| *Abyssinia, Wed., Oct. 7 | Parthia, Saturday, Oct. 24 |
| China, Saturday, Oct. 10 | *Scotia, Wed'day, Oct. 28 |

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.

Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

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OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, Oct. 3, at 11 A. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, Oct. 10, at 3 P. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, Oct. 17, at 10 A. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

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| VADERLAND.....Nov. 7 | COLINA.....Oct. 29 |

FROM ANTWERP.

| For New-York. | |
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| VADERLAND.....Oct. 17 | COLINA.....Oct. 5 |
| NEDERLAND.....Nov. 7 | SWITZERLAND.....Oct. 29 |

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MINNESOTA, Capt. JONES.....Oct. 20, 1 P. M.

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CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Oct. 10, at 3 P. M.
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March 31, 1873.

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CLEOPATRA, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, Sept. 29, from Pier No. 12 East River, at 3 P. M.

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
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ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

**EXECUTORS' SALE OF STOCKS AND BONDS.**
ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30, at 12:30 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Executors of GEORGE MERRITT, deceased,
the following Stocks and Bonds;
$10,000 Central Pacific Railroad (State aid) 7 per cent. Gold Bonds, due 1883.
$5,000 Houston and Texas Central Railway First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds.
$35,000 Northern Missouri Railroad First Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
$3,000 Toledo and Wabash Railroad Equipment Bonds.
$4,000 Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad First Mortgage 8 per cent. Bonds.
11 Bonds Mobile and Ohio Railroad, $225 each.
$8,000 Mobile and Ohio Railroad 8 per cent. Interest Bonds.
240 Shares Spring Mountain Coal Company, $50 each, leased to Lehigh Valley Railroad.
75 Shares Wells-Fargo Express Company, $100 each.
400 Shares of Western Union Telegraph Co., $100 each.
50 Shares Guardian Fire Insurance Co., $100 each.
30 shares Mercantile Fire Insurance Co., $50 each.
400 Shares Westchester Fire Insurance Co., $10 each.
100 Shares American Exchange National Bank, $100 each.
300 Shares Mercantile National Bank, $100 each.
150 Shares Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, $100 each.
200 Shares Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, $100 each.
458 Shares Illinois Central Railroad, $100 each.
300 Shares Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, $100 each.
400 Shares Philadelphia and Reading R. R., $50 each.
100 Shares Central Railroad of New-Jersey, $100 each.
24 Shares Michigan Central Railroad, $100 each.
643 Shares Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, $50 each.
400 Shares Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad, guaranteed, $50 each.
100 Shares Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, $100 each.
325 Shares Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, $100 each.

WILLIAM B. DOUGLAS,
WILLIAM A. HAINES, } Executors.
DOUGLAS MERRITT.

## $2,384,000.

**PROPOSALS FOR NEW-YORK CITY STOCKS.**

Principal and Interest at seven per cent., payable in CURRENCY, or six per cent. in GOLD, at option of bidder.

To redeem City Bonds due in 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Controller's Office, until WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30, 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M., when they will be opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of $2,384,000, Consolidated Stocks of the City of New-York, interest payable semi-annually. Principal payable Nov. 1, 1896.

The policy will be limited as to Registered Stock, principal and interest payable in lawful currency of the United States, at seven per cent. per annum, or principal and interest payable in gold coin at six per cent. per annum, either as registered or coupon stock, at the option of the bidder, if a sufficient amount is bid for six per cent stock payable in gold to warrant its issue.

The proposals will state the amount of each kind of stock desired, and whether par, above par, or seven per cent. in CURRENCY, or six per cent. in GOLD, and the price per $100 thereof.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Stocks of the City of New-York," and inclosed to a second envelope addressed to the Controller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Controller to reject any or all bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Corporation require it.

For full information see advertisement in the *City Record*.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Controller's Office, Sept. 19, 1874.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE, & BOSTON RAILROAD COMPANY,
STONINGTON, Conn., Sept. 12, 1874.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS COMPANY are hereby notified that their annual meeting for an election of Directors for the ensuing year, and also for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the Company's Office, in the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, on the 29th day of September inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

The poll will be open from 10:30 to 11 o'clock A. M.

Transfer books will be closed from the 19th to 29th, both inclusive.

F. B. NOYES, Secretary.

OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILWAY COMPANY,
UNION BUILDING, NOS. 52 AND 54 WILLIAM ST.,
NEW-YORK, Sept. 1, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BONDholders and stockholders of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company, for the election of three Directors to fill vacancies caused by rotation of service, and for other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 217 West 4th st., Cincinnati, Ohio, THURSDAY, Oct. 8, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The transfer-books will be closed from 9 o'clock P. M., 17th of September inst., until 10 o'clock A. M. 19th of October next.

By order,

W. M. WALTON, Secretary.

**NEW-YORK COUNTY 6'S, DUE IN 1885.**
BROOKLYN CITY 7's, due in 1880.
BUFFALO CITY 7's, due in 1908.
ISSUED CITY 7's, due in 1904.
ROCHESTER CITY 7's, due in 1893.
PEEKSKILL 7's, due in 1904.
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DANIEL A. MORAN,
No. 40 Wall st.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 8 WALL ST., NEW-YORK,
ISSUE CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT ON MUNROE & CO., PARIS, AND OF THE CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE IN all PARTS of the WORLD.

**RAILROAD BONDS WANTED**—OF INTRINsic value, but now unmarketable, in exchange for valuable unencumbered real estate, would make a large trade. Address H. P. WITBECK, Box No. 69 Brooklyn Post Office.

**FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS FOR SALE**—SOME of the choicest at reasonable prices, by
E. S. BAILEY, No. 65 Wall st.

**FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS BOUGHT AND** sold by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine st.

## METALS.

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TIN-PLATE, SHEET-IRON, COPPER, BLOCK-TIN, WIRE, &c.,
CLIFF ST., between John and Fulton, NEW-YORK.

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METALS.
NO. 280 PEARL ST.,
NEAR BEEKMAN ST., NEW-YORK.

## RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEMORIAL CHURCH.**

Madison av., corner of 53d st., Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Pastor.—Services (in the church proper) tomorrow, at 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Communion service at 4 P. M. Sabbath-school at 9:30 A. M.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—SERVICES SUNDAY, Sept. 27. Social bible class for young men only, 5 o'clock P. M., in reading-room. Meeting for prayer at at 6:30 o'clock. Service of song at 7:30 o'clock, led by cornet and organ; followed by a short address to young men. Young men's meeting, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, and Saturday evening at 9 o'clock. Daily union prayer-meeting at 4 o'clock.

ABBOTT, REV. WM. F., PASTOR OF WASHington Square M. E. Church, will preach on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; young people's prayer-meeting at 6:30 P. M. Strangers visiting the City will meet with a hearty welcome, and will be provided with seats by the Trustees.

ANTHON MEMORIAL CHURCH, 48TH ST., west of 9th av., Rev. E. Hebor Newton, Rector.—Services on Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon. Evening prayer, with short address, at 4 o'clock. The Rector will preach.

ALANSON M. E. CHURCH, NORFOLK ST., near Grand.—Preaching Sunday, Sept. 27, morning and evening, by the Pastor, Rev. C. E. Harris. The evening sermon to young men, subject; "The Son at Home and Abroad." Seats free.

AT DE GARMO HALL, 57TH AV. AND 14TH st.—Sunday, 1:30 A. M., Rev. William Fishbough. Subject—"The Way Out of Materialism." 2:30, conference: 7:30 P. M., Prof. Hitchcock. Tuesday evening, 7:45 o'clock, lecture and conference.

AT TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 55TH ST. near Lexington av., Dr. Holme, Pastor. Subject of discourse Sunday morning—"Fidelity in Little Things." Sunday evening—"Why Tarriest Thou." Baptism at the close of service.

APOSTLES GIVEN—LOST—RESTORED.—A Evangelist preaching on this subject, Catholic Apostolic Church in 16th st., between 6th and 7th avs. Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.—A SERVICE IN memory of the late Stephen Merritt will be held in the Thirtieth Street M. E. Church, TO-MORROW EVENING, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Revs. D. Buck, J. Miliard, and H. H. Birkins are expected to participate in the exercises.

ALL STRANGERS AND FRIENDS WILL RECeive a hearty welcome at Old Allen Street Presbyterian Church. Seats all free. Services morning and evening. Rev. Geo. O. Phelps, Pastor.

AT ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL Church, 4th av. and 22d st.—Rev. Dr. Chapman will preach on Sunday at 10:30 and 7:45; also lecture on Wednesday evening at 7:45.

AT THE SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST 25th st., Rev. A. C. Osborn, D. D., Pastor, preaching Sept. 27 at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

A PICNIC OF THE CHILDREN'S LYCEUM and the Society of Progressive Spiritualists will take place on TUESDAY, Sept. 29, at Elm Park, 92d st. and 10th av., commencing 10 A. M. Dancing 2 to 10 P. M.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER OF Downing and Bedford sts.—Rev. P. L. Davies, Pastor, will preach Sabbath morning and evening at the usual hours. Strangers are always cordially welcome.

BEEKMAN HILL M. E. CHURCH, EAST 50th st., between 1st and 2d avs.—Rev. W. H. Thomas, Pastor, will preach Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock; evening at 7:30 o'clock.

BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH.—Services as usual at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. On Sunday, Sept. 27, Prof. R. H. Mather, of Amherst College, will preach at both services.

BISHOP SNOW, OF THE MOUNT ZION CHURCH of Christ, will preach in the University, Washington square, on Sunday, at 3 P. M. Seats free. All who have the heart to learn pure Bible truth are invited to hear him.

BENEFIT MEETING.—E. V. WILSON WILL give a seance on SUNDAY NIGHT, Sept. 27, at the New Opera-house, No. 1,195 Broadway, for the special benefit of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists. Mrs. Wilson, the great writing and test medium, has volunteered his help in this good cause. Dr. Harry Slade, the great test medium, is expected to be present on this occasion.

Admission, 50 cents; doors open at 7 o'clock; meeting commences at 8 P. M., sharp.

Mrs. Wilson lectures at 10:30 A. M., as usual; Lyceum at 2:30 P. M.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 23D ST., near 6th av.—R. S. MacArthur, Pastor, preaches Sunday, Morning subject—"What Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles." Evening—"Boyhood of Paul." Strangers cordially invited. Seats down stairs provided by ushers. Galleries free.

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST, (Protestant Episcopal,) 5th av., above 45th st.—Rev. Dr. Howland, Rev. Dr. Conrad, Rectors. Service at 11 A. M., and 4 P. M. Rev. Dr. Howland will preach in the morning; Rev. Dr. Weston in the afternoon.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, 57TH ST., NEAR 8th av.—Rev. J. M. Pullman, Pastor, having returned from his vacation, will preach Sunday morning at 10:45.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, (PRESBYTERian,) Park av., corner 35th st., Rev. Marvin S. Vincent, D. D., Pastor.—Rev. Dr. Sawyer, of Tarrytown, will preach on Sunday, 27th inst. Services at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

CHURCH OF SEA AND LAND, CORNER OF Market and Henry sts., Rev. E. Hopper, D. D., Pastor.—Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Young people's prayer-meeting at 6:45 P. M. Seats free. All are invited.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, CORNER 34TH st. and Park av.—Prof. William Everett, of Cambridge, will preach Sunday, 27th; services commence at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS, MERCER st., near Waverley place.—Sunday, Rev. Dr. Deems at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All seats free.

FIRST REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Madison av. and 47th st.,
Rev. WILLIAM T. SABINE, Rector.
DIVINE SERVICES AT 10:30 A. M. AND 7:45 P. M.
The Rector will preach in the morning, SUNDAY, Sept. 27, and Rev. HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., in the evening.
All cordially invited.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT 3 P. M.

FREE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, 14th st., between 6th and 7th avs., Rev. W. J. Seabury, Rector. Sunday, the 27th inst., Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer, Litany, Ante-Communion, and Sermon, at 10:30 A. M. Evening Prayer, (choral,) at 5 P. M.

FREE TABERNACLE M. E. CHURCH, 34TH st., between 7th and 8th avs., Rev. L. H. King, D. D., Pastor.—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Young people's prayer-meeting at 6:30 P. M. Seats free. All are welcome.

FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST 46th st.—Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., Pastor, officiating on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 9 A. M. All are cordially invited to each service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER 39TH ST. and Park av.—Preaching by Rev. T. D. Anderson, D. D., Pastor, next Sunday, 10; evening, 8 o'clock. Strangers cordially invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5TH AV. and 11th st.—Rev. Wm. M. Paxton, D. D., Pastor, will preach morning at 10:30, and afternoon at 4 o'clock. Strangers cordially invited.

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN Church, 12th st., between 6th and 7th avs.—Services at 10:30 A. M., and 7:45 P. M. Seats free to strangers.

JANE STREET UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Thomas Wylie will preach on Sabbath at 10:30 A. M., and 3:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

LYRIC HALL, 6TH AV., BELOW 42D ST.—O. B. Frothingham, Preacher to the Independent Society, will speak on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Subject—"The Spirit of Truth, the Comforter."

MADISON AVENUE REFORMED CHURCH, 57th st., near 6th av.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. H. B. Canse, at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. Sabbath-school at 9:30 A. M.

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CORner of 9th av. and 31st st.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. S. B. Rossiter. Morning service, 10:30; subject, "Fruits Meet for Repentence." Afternoon service, 3:30; communion.

NEW-YORK PORT SOCIETY.—PREACHING at the Mariners' Church, Sunday, at 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. R. D. Murphy, and at 3 o'clock, at No. 278 Water st., by the Associate Pastor, Rev. Benj. F. Millard.

N. Y. S. S. ASSOCIATION.—THE "PRIMARY Class" meetings will be resumed on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 3:30 P. M., in the lecture-room of the "N. Y. S. S. C. Association" building. Miss Morrill, Conductor.

OLD FORSYTH STREET M. E. CHURCH.—Prayer and praise meeting at No. 101 East Broadway, Sabbath at 3 P. M. Public temperance meeting at 3 P. M., junction of Division and Bayard sts. Prayer-meeting Tuesday evening, lecture-room Market Street Church. Corner-stone of the old church will be relaid Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 3 P. M.; further notice in Monday's papers.

OPEN FOR ALL.—STANTON STREET BAPtist Church, No. 36 Stanton st. Rev. Wm. M. Milnor, D. D., Pastor.—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Sabbath-school at 9:30 A. M., and 2 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

OLD JOHN STREET M. E. CHURCH, between Nassau and William sts.—Preaching by Rev. N. G. Chaney, Pastor, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Seats free. All cordially invited.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, 33D ST. west of 8th av., Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, Pastor.—Morning, at 10:30, subject—"Mending their Nets." 7:30 P. M.—"Fatherhood and Discipline of God." All are welcome.

REV. WM. P. CORBIT WILL PREACH IN the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Sabbath morning and evening. Morning subject—"The Infallible Road to Heaven." Evening subject—"Soul Harvest." Seats free; all welcome.

REV. LEON PONS WILL PERFORM DIVINE SERVICE in French at the Episcopal French Church du St. Esprit, in 22d st., between 5th and 6th avs., every Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

REV. D. W. THOMAS, OF INDIA, WILL PREACH in the Free Tabernacle Church, 34th st., near 8th av., on Sunday, at 7:45 P. M.; also address the Missionary Society at 3 P. M.

REV. DR. N. W. CONKLING WILL PREACH on Sunday at 10:45 A. M. in the chapel, and at 7:30 P. M. in the church 4th av. and 22d st., Rev. Dr. Crosby's.

REV. SAMUEL M. HAMILTON, PASTOR OF the Scotch Presbyterian Church, 14th st., between 5th and 6th avs., will preach Sunday, at 10:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

REV. E. H. PAYNTER, OF SPRINGFIELD, ILL., will preach at the West Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church, Sunday, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

REV. J. F. McCLELLAND, PASTOR, will preach Sunday at 10:30 A. M., in St. Luke's M. E. Church, 41st st., west of 6th av.

## RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

# VOCAL NOTICE.

All old members of St. Thomas' choir, and Holy Trinity choir, Brooklyn, are invited to unite with the GRAND CHORUS now forming to furnish the music for the GREAT MISSIONARY MEETING, to be held at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, on the evening of TUESDAY, Oct. 13.

Let there be a grand rally for the sake of the cause and old times. Chorus limited to 200 voices, so send addresses at once, by mail, to

GEORGE WILLIAM WARREN,
St. Thomas' Church,
Corner 5th av. and 53d st.

N. B.—Twenty good fresh voices wanted immediately to fill vacancies in St. Thomas' choir, especially sopranos and contralto. Superlative educational advantages offered.
Apply as above.

REV. JOSEPH F. ELDER, PASTOR, WILL preach in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, corner 31st st., at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Sunday school at 9 A. M. A cordial welcome will be given to all.

REV. H. W. KNAPP WILL PREACH IN THE First Mission Baptist Church, in Light st., Sunday morning and evening, at 10:30 and 7:30. About $3,000 has been expended in making the house clean and comfortable; the seats have been lowered and re-cushioned, and are all free. Come and welcome.

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
53d st., between Broadway and 8th av,
REV. JAMES M. KING, Pastor.
Public services at 10:30 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Praise session of the Bible-school at 10 A. M. Session for study and review, 2:30 P. M.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, 18TH ST., NEAR 5TH AV. Free seats.—Services Sunday, at 7 and 10:30 A. M., 4 and 7:30 P. M., and for Lent unites at 2:45 P. M. At 7:30 P. M., the sermon of Rev. Dr. Gallaudet will be commemorative of Rev. Eastburn Benjamin.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 346th st., north side, between 5th and 6th avs.—Rev. Dr. Price, Rector; Rev. N. B. Hart, associate; Rev. Prof. Roberts, assistant. Services on Sundays at 10:30 A. M. and 4 P. M. Strangers seated.

ST. PHILIP'S P. E. CHURCH, MULBERRY St., near Bleecker st.—Right Rev. Bishop Smith, of Kentucky, will officiate at 10:30 A. M., Sunday, Sept. 27, and at 8:30 P. M. Rev. S. D. Denison, D. D., will officiate. All are invited.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, (PROTESTANT Episcopal,) 50th and 57th sts., midway between 8th and 9th avs., Rev. Geo. Jarvis Geer, D. D., Rector.—Sunday services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The Rector will officiate. Sunday-school at 2:30 P. M.

ST. AMBROSE CHURCH, CORNER OF PRINCE and Thompson sts., Rev. Frederick Gill, Rector.—Rev. N. E. Cornwall, D. D., is expected to preach on Sunday, at 7:30 P. M. Sittings free, with the usual offertory.

SIXTH AVENUE UNION REFORMED CHURCH. —Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. Wm. B. Merritt, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath-school at 9 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. Strangers and friends cordially welcomed.

ST. IGNATIUS' CHURCH, 40TH ST., BETWEEN 5th and 6th avs.—Services at 7, 9 and 10:30 (high choral) A. M. Evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Ewer, will officiate.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH, COOPER INSTItute, room No. 24.—Preaching Sunday, by Mrs. O. R. Fassett, wife of Elder O. R. Fassett, late from California, at 10:30 A. M. and 3 P. M., on subjects connected with the second coming of Christ, now nigh at hand.

SEVENTEENTH STREET M. E. CHURCH, Near 2d av.—Rev. W. H. Boole will preach Sunday morning and evening. Seats free.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2d av., between 10th and 11th sts.
REV. A. S. PATTON, D. D., in morning.
Subject—"How Christ was Tempted, and Why."
REV. JOHN DOWLING, D. D., in evening.
Subject—"The Rock Upon Which the Church is Built. Is it Peter or Christ? Answered According to Patristic, Romanist, and Protestant Authority."
REV. JAMES BOARDMAN HAWTHORNE, of Louisville, Ky., Pastor elect, will commence his work with this church Sunday, Oct. 4.

TWENTY-FOURTH STREET M. E. CHURCH, near 9th av.—Preaching by Rev. T. D. Ackerman, D. D., at 10:30 A. M., by Rev. J. H. Lent, of New-York Conference. Seats free; strangers invited. Sabbath-school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ST. M. E. CHURCH, between 2d and 3d avs.—Public worship, with preaching by the Pastor, Rev. R. Meredith, at 10:30 and 7:30. Sabbath-school at 9 and 2. Seats free. All invited.

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN Church.—Rev. Dr. Booth, Pastor, is expected to preach to-morrow. Services at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

WEST TWENTY-FIFTH STREET UNITED Presbyterian Church.—Preaching Sunday, at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M., by Rev. John Kirkpatrick, Pastor elect. Strangers cordially invited.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, WEST 22D ST.—The Pastor, Rev. George D. Mathews, will preach here to-morrow forenoon at 10:30 o'clock, and evening at 7:45 o'clock.

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL CHURCH, corner of West 11th st. and Waverley place.—Services 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. T. Egbert, Rector. Seats all free.

ZION CHURCH, MADISON AV., CORNER 38TH st., Rev. John N. Gallaher, Rector.—Services 10:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## DIVIDENDS.

SANDUSKY, MANSFIELD AND NEWARK RAILROAD COMPANY, (ERIE LINE),
SANDUSKY, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1874.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of TWO PER CENT. on the share capital stock of this company payable on and after the 1st day of October next at the office of the First National Bank of Sandusky, Ohio, in par exchange to Eastern stockholders. Holders of stock certificates not transferred within their own names on the books of the company are requested to forward their certificates immediately to this office for transfer.

J. O. MOSS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD COMPANY, (STONINGTON RAILROAD,)
NEW-YORK, Sept. 24, 1874.

A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF TWO AND One-half per cent. out of the earnings of the last three months will be paid at the office of Messrs. M. Morgan's Sons, No. 39 William st., on the 10th day of October.

Transfer books will be closed from the 5th to the 11th of October.

F. B. NOYES, Secretary.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC R. R. CO.,
NEW-YORK, Sept. 25, 1874.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. HAS this day been declared, payable on the 1st day of October to the shareholders who shall be registered as such on the closing of the transfer books. The transfer books will be closed on the afternoon of the 10th day of October next.

F. H. TOWS, Treasurer.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 26 EXCHANGE PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Sept. 25, 1874.

THIS COMPANY WILL PAY A QUARTERLY Dividend of TWO AND A HALF (2½) PER CENT. in cash on and after the 20th October prox.

Transfer-books will be closed on the 30th inst. till 21st October.

A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

CORNER OF WALL AND BROAD STREETS,
NEW-YORK, Sept. 25, 1874.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE BONDS.

Coupons from the above bonds, due 1st October prox., will be paid upon presentation at our office on and after that date.

DREXEL, MORGAN & CO.

## BOARDING AND LODGING.

NO. 129 EAST 27TH ST., BETWEEN LEXington and 4th avs., about five minutes of 5th av., Broadway, and the great hotel centre.—Second floor, front; sunny rooms; brown-stone house, elegantly furnished; all conveniences; superior board; prices reasonable; best references.

TO LET.—BY A QUIET PRIVATE AMERICAN family of six adults, in large, comfortable, and centrally located house, second floor, one large square room, hall-room off, and small room, for two or four, elegantly furnished; table home-made and homelike. Address H. C., Box 72 Up-town *Times* Office, No. 54½ West 23d st.

NO. 107 WEST 42D ST.—TO RENT, WITH board, in private family, a desirable second story, en suite or singly, to gentlemen and their wives, or single gentlemen; references exchanged.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY
For parties desiring elegant suites or single rooms with first-class table and attendance. No. 18 East 32d st., between 5th and Madison avs. References.

NO. 14 EAST 28TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH and Madison avs.—Handsomely-furnished rooms, without board; every convenience; baths on each floor. Also, front basement to let.

SECOND FLOOR.—FAMILIES WISHING TO make arrangements for rooms, with board, can find superior accommodations at No. 106 East 23d st., private table if desired.

TWENTY-THIRD ST., NO. 165 WEST, one and a half block from Broadway, a pleasant second floor and other desirable rooms, with first-class board and attendance. Reference exchanged.

ADJOINING GRAND HOTEL.
Elegantly furnished apartments, with or without private table; highest references exchanged. No. 36 West 31st st.

NO. 76 BARROW ST., NEAR HUDSON.—Furnished rooms, suitable for one or two gentlemen, without board; gas and bath; private family; no moving.

THREE OR FOUR GENTLEMEN OR A small family may obtain pleasant rooms with board, at No. 406 West 22d st. References given and required.

NO. 20 WEST 16TH ST.—ROOMS TO LET with board; two connecting if desired; second and third floors; references exchanged. M. E. GAGE.

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# THE LIBERAL CLUB.

## *HON. L. BRADFORD P. PRINCE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.*

### THE GREAT ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN—POSITION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY—THE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS EXPLAINED.

Hon. L. Bradford Prince, Chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, lectured last evening before the members of the Liberal Club on the "Pending Amendments of the Constitution." After a few introductory remarks he said: In about six weeks the people of the State of New-York will be called upon to elect the highest officers whom they ever choose. They are to elect a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, other State officers, the whole of their Representatives in the popular branch of Congress, the whole of their membership in the popular branch of their own Legislature, and through the latter a United States Senator. It is seldom that there is a more important election at hand, even looking at the officers that are to be elected; but to my mind the people of the State have a far more important duty to perform on next November than the election of these officers. It is more important, because more lasting in its effect. The Governor continues in office for two years, the members of the Assembly but one, and the longest term to which any one is elected is three years, while the amendments to the Constitution of the State—which are to be acted upon—leave their influences in the destiny of the State, perhaps for a century to come. These officers are under the Constitution, the limitations of their power are under the Constitution, but the Constitution is far more important than simply the *personnel* of the officers who are to administer the law under it. If these amendments are carried this Fall their influences will extend for many years in the future, for they contain all the great reforms in the State Government which have been suggested for the past twenty years. Within their scope will be found every great subject which has come up before the State of New-York for discussion within the last two decades, and if they are defeated the result is no less lasting, because it will be a discouragement to those who have endeavored for years to place these reforms in a fundamental law, and that will prevent any repetition of the attempt for many, many years. It is not the work of a day to amend the Constitution of the State of New-York. At the least, it is the work of three years, and it may be the work of a very much longer period of time. In this case it is the work of about four years, and it may be the work of a much longer period. Now, concerning these amendments, article 11 relates to suffrage and bribery, and in connection with it is the proposed amendment relating to the oath of office. The language of both articles is almost identical. The latter disqualifies from voting; the former disqualifies from holding office. False swearing under article 12 would of course be perjury, and as such punishable by law, so that it is difficult to see how more stringent safeguards could be thrown around the sanctity of the ballot-box, than by these provisions. It seems almost superfluous to adduce any reasons in support of these amendments. Their justice and necessity are almost universally recognized. The purity of the ballot-box lies at the foundation of Republican government. Indeed, without it, the Government ceases to be republican, because the majority ceases to rule. It is the deep-rooted respect for the expressed will of the majority among the American people which causes such cheerful acquiescence in the results of elections, and forms the broad distinction between our nation and the turbulent and ever-changing South American Republics. But let it once be understood or even suspected that the decisions of the ballot are not a correct reflection of the unbiassed will of the people, and that respect is undermined and disappears.

No crime in a Republic is so grave, and so far-reaching in its evil consequences, as bribery at elections. It is high treason against the State, for it seeks to overthrow the true Government, which is that of the majority, and substitute a Government of corruption. It is the pollution of the fountain-head of the political stream, the effects of which reach and deprave society on every side. No provisions to prevent this evil can be too stringent, and every effort to maintain purity of elections should command the support of all right-minded citizens.

The amendments to article 3 provide that no City official can be elected to the Legislature, and no member can receive any City office until the time for which he was elected has expired. The reason of this is obvious. No one should make laws to govern a department or a bureau from which he is receiving a salary; neither should appointments to City offices be held out as inducements to bias the judgment of members of the Legislature. In the days of the "Ring" nearly every Senator and Assemblyman from New-York City held a Municipal office, and a number were pluralists in official honors and emoluments. The evil effect on legislation of having as law-makers those who are directly interested in the administration of the laws, is too obvious to require argument or illustration. Were there no stronger reason for the prohibition, the absolute impossibility of attending to the duties of two offices 150 miles apart, would be sufficient; but the real evils of the plural system are far beyond that.

The amendment in section 6 is that which changes the salary of Senators and Assemblymen from $3 per day (limited to 100 days) to $1,500 per annum. This salary should not be so large as to cause the office to be sought simply for the sake of its emoluments, but it should be sufficient to pay the expense, and partially compensate for the loss, consequent on attendance at the Legislature, and thus prevent the strong temptation to corruption arising from the necessities of the members. The present salary was fixed nearly thirty years ago, when the purchasing power of money was much greater than at present, and the cost of living, consequently, far less. The sum then designated, although smaller than it had been years before, and far from a proper remuneration to men of business or professional life, was yet sufficient to meet all expenses of moderate living in Albany, and allow a small sum to be saved as compensation for the time taken from the ordinary affairs of life. But the lapse of years has entirely changed all this. The cost of living at the capital during the session has greatly increased, while no corresponding advance has been made in the pay. No one with the slightest knowledge of Albany will hesitate to say that the present inadequate salary is the cause of a vast amount of injury and expense to the State. There can be little doubt that in the majority of cases the necessity for money to pay actual expenses is the entering wedge in bringing about corruption. Many a man has come to the capital with the best intentions, who has found that his expenses exceeded his salary, or that he was not able to send home the amount required for his family; and thus tempted by actual want, and with conscience deadened by the feeling that the State is taking his time without making even enough compensation to support existence, has hesitated and fallen. By removing this temptation we remove its result in the form of extravagant and corrupt legislation.

One other view of this subject, though not so obvious, is not without importance; and that is that the present inadequate pay tends to degrade the Legislature and bring the members who receive it into suspicion.

On considering the causes of the difficulty in question, a careful observer (said the lecturer) will soon arrive at the opinion that one great source of all the evils and dangers in the present routine of legislation is haste. There are introduced in the Assembly each session about 1,300 bills, of which over 800 are reported favorably, and then placed on the files. This is irrespective of Senate bills, of which over 500 are printed. From 1,100 to 1,200 bills in all go through the whole routine in each House during the session, of which about 1,000 pass both Houses and are sent to the Governor for approval. On investigation we find that the time actually required for the passage of a bill through all its stages in the House, if the letter of the law were complied with, would average thirty-nine minutes. The number of days for which members are entitled to be paid is 100, which includes Sundays and recess days. In practice, deducting the days on which no session is held, and counting Mondays, when only an evening meeting is held, as half days, the number actually employed in legislation ranges from fifty-five to sixty-five. The daily sessions—necessarily short during the first part of the year, and when the committees are most busy—will not average over four hours. By a liberal calculation, then, the annual session during the prescribed 100 days, includes about 250 hours of actual work in the House. Here are 250 working hours, and a volume of legislation to pass, which, through the ordinary and prescribed channels, requires double the time. The consequence is obvious. Either the time must be extended, the amount of legislation decreased, or "short cuts" provided, which will enable the work to be "got through" within the prescribed limits. The members cannot be expected to prolong the session to any great extent; and, at all events, experience shows that they become restive as Spring opens, and that any considerable lengthening of the session is impracticable. The daily meetings cannot well be enlarged, as the members on important committees are already occupied during all the other available hours of the day and evening. The volume of bills presented increases rather than diminishes, year by year. The result is, that necessity has actually forced the invention of "short cuts" in legislation, such as the "grinding committee," the reference of bills to be "reported complete," the reading of a few lines instead of the whole bill, even on its third reading, the hasty calling of the roll, &c. Haste is the great source of all the varied evils in our present system; and until some means can be found by which to do away with that, these evils must continue and increase. The general legislation of the State cannot, of course, be detailed. But of the 3,500 "laws" enacted within the last four years, almost nine-tenths are special or local in their character.

Gov. Dix, in his last annual message, states that of 1,017 bills passed in 1873, 833 were private or local, and but 134 general. The Judiciary Committee report of 1872 recommended two measures to meet these difficulties—being exactly those covered by the amendments now proposed:

*Firstly*, the adoption of general laws which will cover all proper special cases, except in very peculiar instances; including the organization of corporations, which is such a prolific source of legislation.

*Secondly*, the delegation of power over local matters within counties, such as the laying out and regulating of roads and bridges, and a multitude of analogous matters, to the Boards of Supervisors, which are the local legislatures of the counties.

One other point worthy of note is, that the passage of this amendment will be the death-knell of the "lobby." The bills that "have money in them" are not the general acts for the government of the State, but the special charters, and the bills relating to local improvements, &c., which are to be of purporate or individual benefit. Destroy special legislation and you take away the occasion of corruption, and at one blow relieve the Legislature from the improper influences which have gathered around it.

The amendment to article four provides:

*First*—The extension of the term of office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to three years. (Section 1.)

The object of this is obviously to secure greater administrative stability, by lengthening the term of office. The tendency of public opinion has been strongly in the direction of this change for some years. Many of the States have increased the term to four years, and none but those in New-England still retain the old system of annual elections. The Gubernatorial terms in the several States, at the present time, are, four years in fifteen States, three years in two, two years in thirteen, one year in six.

*Second*—The fixing of the salary of the Governor at $10,000 and a residence, (section 4;) and of the Lieutenant Governor at $5,000, (section 5.)

The present salary of the Governor is $4,000, having been fixed, (as were all the salaries of constitutional officers,) prior to 1850. This amount is obviously altogether inadequate now; and, indeed, so evident is this, that the Legislature annually appropriates to his use, for rent of residence, furniture, &c., an amount sufficient to increase it to $10,000 or $12,000.

To live and entertain, as the Governor of the Empire State is expected and forced to do, for the honor of the State, requires a fair and adequate salary. There is no reason why he should not receive at least as much as a Marine Court Judge or an assistant to the District Attorney in New-York City, whose salaries are $10,000 each. Much that has been said relative to legislative compensation will apply equally well to this case.

The amendment to section 10 is a most important one. It strikes at the root of State appropriations for private purposes, and will prevent forever the enactment of so-called "charity bills," like those which characterized the Tweed régime in this State. When the principle is once admitted that the whole people can be taxed for the support of a private institution, the flood-gates are opened and there is no escape from the most immense appropriations. If A's institution receives State aid, why should not B's? Each appropriation is the forerunner of a dozen equally worthy applications, and the evil necessarily extends itself more and more widely.

Thus the "Charity bill" for 1869 amounted to $563,608
In 1870 it had reached.....776,150
And one year later, in 1871, it called for.....1,040,545

This immense appropriation of the people's money produced a reaction, and the next Legislature, elected just after the Ring developments as a "reform" body, refused to pass any charity bill at all, thus setting an example which has been followed by its successors in 1873 and 1874. But while public sentiment is now strongly opposed to this class of appropriations, it is certainly safest and best to insure the permanence of this reform by inserting a distinct prohibition in the fundamental law. It will be observed that this proposed amendment does not affect the case of such unfortunates as the blind, deaf, and dumb, or of juvenile delinquents.

Mr. Prince merely referred to the names of the other amendments, and in conclusion he spoke of the proposed fifteenth article. This, he said, is a very important and earnest attempt to prevent official corruption. Its language is so distinct that it needs no special explanation, and the subject must commend itself to all lovers of honest government. The first section, in terms so comprehensive as to include all phases of official corruption, and as far as possible to prevent the possibility of evasion, declares the crime to be a felony; the second pronounces the offense of the person offering the bribe to be equal with that of the receiver; and the fourth section contains several valuable provisions looking to the strict enforcement of the law. The feature from which the most important results are expected, however, is that which releases the person offering the bribe from all liability to prosecution, civil or criminal, if he shall himself testify to the fact, and which takes from him the privilege he now enjoys of refusing to testify on the ground that his evidence would criminate himself. This, it is supposed, will disconnect the interests of the person offering from those of the officer receiving the bribe, and so lead to the detection and punishment of both latter, and in the great majority of cases will prevent, through fear of exposure, the crime being committed at all. The power of corrupt appliances at Albany, and the influence of the "lobby," are too well known to require more than this mention. While undoubtedly greatly diminished within a few years—since the great uprising of 1871—yet enough remain to make it of the highest importance to erect all possible barriers in the way of their advance.

The extirpation of all corruption from official life will not only be of vast benefit to the State by the prevention of improper and extravagant legislation and administration, but by taking from political positions this stigma which now attaches to them in many minds, will make them more attractive to the best men of the State, and so bring to the administration of the Government that class of citizens who are now too rarely found performing their highest political duties.

## *CHAG HASSAROTH.*

### THE JEWISH FEAST OF TABERNACLES—SERVICES AT THE SYNAGOGUES AND TEMPLES LAST EVENING.

Last evening at sundown the Jewish festival of "Succoth," more familiarly known as the Feast of Tabernacles, commenced in the Hebrew places of worship, and was generally observed throughout the City. The first day of the feast falling on the Sabbath this year, the ceremonies combined the usual Sabbath services with some of those peculiar to the feast. The attendance at the synagogues and temples was not large, in consequence of the holiday following so close on the New-Year. Nor were the preparations for celebrating the occasion as elaborate as those of former years. The feast is kept in commemoration of the season in each year in which the children of Israel dwelt in tents, and returned thanks to God after gathering in the harvest. The two first and three last days of the eight days' festival are observed by the orthodox Jews, but only the first and last are kept by the members of the reformed churches. Attached to each of the synagogues were arbor-like booths, or "succos," consisting of trellis-work, many of them sufficiently large to accommodate 100 persons. The roof and sides of these booths were beautifully decorated with flowers and trailing plants, interspersed with pictures, flags, and other ornaments. A table, covered with a white linen cloth, was placed in the centre, and on it were displayed bread, wine, and fruit, which were symbolical of the gathering of the fruits of the earth. Special seats were provided for the Rabbi and his assistants, and the congregation occupied positions around the table, the women sitting, while the men stood. A few of the tents were exquisitely decorated with flowers, but in the majority of them the preparations were exceedingly simple. On former occasions it was customary to serve up all sorts of delicacies on the occasion, but the custom is now confined to bread and wine, and in some instances, fruit, the more elaborate festivities being enjoyed by the Hebrews in their own houses. It was also the custom to erect booths in private residences, where the family ate and slept during the festival, as is still done in Europe and Asia, but the usage has been observed in this City less and less every year, until only a very few of the more wealthy families now adhere to the custom. In addition to the usual Sabbath services last evening, the beautiful and impressive ceremonies, consisting of the reading of appropriate portions of the law and the singing of Psalms of thanksgiving, of the Feast of Tabernacles were performed. The congregation then adjourned to the booth, where the bread and wine were blessed by the Rabbi, and appropriate prayers and thanksgivings were offered up. All then partook of the repast, and, at its conclusion, the benediction was pronounced, and the worshippers separated. In their own houses, where family was celebrated in a becoming fashion. The appearance of the tents, gay with flowers and plants, and brilliantly illuminated, was exceedingly animated, and to those unacquainted with such festivals the ceremonies were of great interest. At many of the places of worship the singing was exquisite, particularly at the Forty-fourth Street Synagogue, of which Rev. Dr. Isaacs is Rabbi. At the Temple Emanuel, on Fifth avenue and Forty-third street, which is the church of the leading congregation of Reformed Jews, the attendance was large, and the ceremonies very impressive. The performance of the choir was admirable, and the music of that high order peculiar to this place of worship. The second day not being observed by the reformers, the services in connection with the feast will conclude with the usual Sabbath services to-day. The only fruit displayed in the Reformed churches is a citron suspended in a prominent position where the eye of the congregation may see it, and be reminded of the occasion of the feast. In the synagogues of the orthodox Jews the religious services of the festival, postponed from the first day in consequence of the Sabbath, which is considered a more important holiday, will be performed to-morrow. The priests and his assistants, bearing branches of palm, myrtle, and willows, together with citrons, form in procession, and with the assembled worshipers make a circuit of the building a number of times, chanting hymns of praise and thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, sermons in English, having reference to the festival and its teachings, will be preached in nearly all the orthodox Jewish places of worship. The festival of the rejoicing of the law, commemorating the giving of the Mosaic law to the Israelites, occurs on the day following the close of the Feast of Tabernacles, and brings the festive season to a close.

## *TRIAL OF ROBERT N. WOODWORTH.*

The trial of Robert N. Woodworth, Ex-President of the New-Brunswick Carpet Company, on a charge of conspiring to defraud the State Bank, was continued yesterday in the Middlesex County Court of Oyer and Terminer, Judge Scudder presiding. Joseph Fisher, Jr., a teller in the State Bank, testified that in the months of July, August, and September, 1872, three notes of Woodworth's for $10,000 each were sent for collection, but they were not paid. On July 25, 1872, the Newark Banking Company was credited with the amount of the notes, which were held as cash. There was a difference of $30,000 in his books until the notes were credited to the Banking Company. Appleton told him to charge Woodworth's checks to the account of the Atlantic Carpet Company. Benjamin Conner, Discount Clerk, testified that he saw Woodworth and Appleton in frequent and close conversation in the bank. In the Fall of 1872 and Summer of 1873 these conversations were more frequent and earnest. Woodworth seemed to be uneasy; he would come in, look around, and then walk out again. This was particularly noticeable on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1872, on which day he came in two or three times, but Appleton was engaged at a meeting of the Directors. After the meeting Woodworth and Appleton talked together for about half an hour, and at the end of that time the former seemed more pleased, while the latter was just the reverse. Woodworth never had any accommodations at the State Bank. Some other witnesses were examined, but their testimony was of no great importance.

## *LOCAL POLITICS.*

### THE GERMAN REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The German Republican Central Committee, Charles Schwedler presiding, held a meeting at its hall, No. 349 Bowery, last night, and after hearing a report of the delegation that attended the State Convention at Utica, resolutions were passed, by a unanimous vote, indorsing the action and platform of the convention, and ratifying the candidates nominated. After three cheers for Dix and Robinson the committee adjourned.

### TWENTIETH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.

The Twentieth Assembly District German Republican Association met Thursday evening at their headquarters, No. 794 Third avenue, Mr. H. F. Bauer in the chair. Several new members were enrolled, after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Twentieth Assembly District German Republican Association fully indorses the nominations and platform of the Republican State Convention at Utica, and pledges its unqualified support to the ticket nominated.

After the regular routine business had been transacted, the meeting adjourned, but subsequently formed itself into a campaign club, and elected the following officers:

*President*—H. Cautor.
*Vice Presidents*—A. May and C. Pistorius.
*Treasurer*—L. Nauman.

A Committee on Resolutions afterward reported the following:

*Whereas*, The election of a United States Senator by the next Legislature makes it highly desirable to obtain a Republican majority; and

*Whereas*, The success of this election depends greatly upon the consideration shown to the German citizens of the Twentieth Assembly District; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hereby recommend for nomination as member of the Assembly Mr. Jacob Hess, a citizen who not only will poll the largest number of votes, but in whom the voters will secure an able and trustworthy representative.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

### GERMAN REPUBLICANS OF THE EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

Mr. Albert Elterich was nominated last night by eight hundred enthusiastic German Republicans as a candidate for Assembly, in the Eighth Assembly District. Mr. Elterich pledged himself, in a neat speech, to support the Republican candidate for United States Senator, in case he should be elected, of which his friends entertain no doubt whatever. The meeting indorsed also the State ticket nominated at Utica, and unanimously passed the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we, the German Republican Club of the Eighth Assembly District, being the strongest German Republican organization in the United States, indignantly repudiate the mendacious assertion of the New-York *World* and of the New-York *Staats Zeitung*, that nine-tenths of the Germans in New-York will vote the Democratic ticket.

The German Republican Eighth Assembly District Club numbers 1,200 members.

### DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee was in session at the St. Nicholas Hotel yesterday, but no business of importance was transacted.

### THE LIBERAL REPUBLICANS.

The following State Committee was appointed by the Liberal Republicans at their head-quarters yesterday:

C. W. Goddard, Kings County.
T. E. Stewart, New-York.
F. A. Conkling, New-York.
F. J. Fitbian, New-York.
M. L. Filkins, Albany.
John Walls, Erie.
R. F. Mamers, New-York.
*Ex-officio*, John Cochrane, Chairman; B. A. Welles, Secretary; A. M. Bliss, Treasurer.

### NOTES.

At a regular meeting of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Campaign Club of the Fourteenth Assembly District, at their rooms, No. 1,400 Third avenue, on Thursday evening, it was unanimously resolved to indorse the action of the Republican State Convention at Utica, especially in the representation given the soldiers and sailors by the renomination of Gen. John C. Robinson.

The Hudson County (N. J.) Democratic Executive Committee have named October 8 as the time for the holding of the County and Congressional Conventions. The latter will be held at McPherson Hall, the former at Library Hall, Jersey City.

The Democrats of the Third Assembly District of Jersey City met last evening in St. John's Hall, Jersey City, to ratify the nomination of Judge Bedle for Governor.

The Republicans of Essex County, N. J., held primary elections last night for the selection of delegates to the Congressional and county conventions.

The Sussex County (N. J.) Democrats have nominated William E. Ross for Sheriff and George H. Neldon for County Clerk.

## *BASE-BALL.*

### THE CHICAGO "GIANTS" DEFEATED BY THE ATLANTICS.

Between 800 and 1,000 persons witnessed the seventh championship contest between the Chicago "Giants" and the Atlantic "Muffs," played on the Union Grounds yesterday afternoon. The game, though marked with a very small score, was not by any means a fine one, as both clubs indulged in some child-like play. The batting of the "Giants" was unusually weak, for though they had three earned base hits during the entire game, and if it had not been for a wild throw by the Atlantics' left fielder, which let in a run, they would have been whitewashed in all of the nine innings. Nor was the batting of the Atlantics much better, as they also failed to earn a run out of the three scored. In the third inning, after two hands had been put out and Force given an easy chance to retire the third, the Atlantics made two runs, which gave them the game, as the score will show. Force, however, redeemed himself in the ninth inning, by making one of the most extraordinary one-handed catches of a hard liner that ever was seen on any ball field. Hines also made a brilliant line catch in the first inning, which was loudly applauded. Pearce, the veteran short stop, played without error, and Kessler showed a decided improvement on his play in Thursday's game. Glenn, as usual, played a very good first, and Hines was at that could be desired in second base. The pitching on both sides was excellent, but did not receive the support it deserved. The following is the score:

| ATLANTIC. | R. | 1B. | P.O. | A. | CHICAGO. | R. | 1B. | P.O. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chapman, r. f. | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Cuthbert, l. f. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ferguson, 2b. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Pearce, s. s. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Pinkham, s. s. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Malone, c. | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Bond, p. | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | Devlin, r. f. | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Martin, 2b. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | Hines, 2b. | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Dehlman, 1b. | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | Glenn, 1b. | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Clack, c. f. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Tracey, c. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McGee, l. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Peters, s. s. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Kessler, c. | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | Zettlein, p. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 3 | 8 | 27 | 7 | Total | 1 | 3 | 27 | 8 |

INNINGS.

| | 1st. | 2d. | 3d. | 4th. | 5th. | 6th. | 7th. | 8th. | 9th. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Giants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—1 |
| Muffs | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—3 |

Runs Earned—None.
Bases on Errors—Atlantic, 4; Chicago, 3.
Total Fielding Errors—Atlantic, 4; Chicago, 7.
Total Base Hits—Atlantic, 8; Chicago, 3.
Wides Pitched—By Zettlein, 27; by Bond, 19.
Passed Balls—None.
Wild Pitches—None.
Umpire—William McLean, of Philadelphia.
Time of Game—One hour and fifty minutes.

The grand match between the New-York and Brooklyn picked "tens" will be played on the Union Grounds on Tuesday.

A very fine amateur game was played at Norwich, Conn., yesterday, between the Arctic and Manchester Clubs, which was won by the former by a score of 5 to 0.

### OTHER GAMES YESTERDAY.

The best game ever played between an amateur and a professional club was that between the Eastons and Philadelphias, at Easton, yesterday. The professionals won by a score of 3 to 0.

At Boston the Red Stockings defeated the Baltimore "Mosquitoes" by a score of 9 to 1.

The Athletics won a game from the Hartfords by the following score:

| | 1st. | 2d. | 3d. | 4th. | 5th. | 6th. | 7th. | 8th. | 9th. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hartford | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | —13 |
| Athletic | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | —14 |

## *THE GRAND JURY.*

The Grand Jury made a tour of inspection yesterday among the island institutions, and found everything in excellent condition. Minute examination was made into every department of the asylums, the workhouse, and penitentiary, with results very favorable to the management of the same. The jury expressed themselves well satisfied with the cleanliness, good order, and regularity of every detail.

# CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

## *NEW-YORK.*

The body of an unknown man was found drowned in the East River, at Pier No. 47, yesterday.

Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, of Louisiana, is staying at the residence of a friend, No. 127 Fifth avenue.

Bishop Smith, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will preach at St. Philip's Church on Sunday at 10:30 A. M.

Six clergymen leave this City to-day as missionaries to Egypt and India under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board of Missions.

Lizzie Terry, aged six years, fell into the area of her residence, No. 45 West Forty-eighth street, yesterday morning, and was instantly killed.

Edward Weider, aged forty-five, of No. 53 Macdougal street, was knocked down by a railroad car in front of No. 142 Chatham street, and fractured his knee-pan.

Ann Bohan, aged forty, having no home, a prisoner in the Eighteenth Precinct Station, attempted suicide last night by hanging herself to the door of her cell.

William McMahon, aged thirty-two, of Fourteenth street and Third avenue, died suddenly in the Sixteenth Precinct Station-house, where he was confined for intoxication yesterday morning.

The Executive Committee of the German Saloon-keepers' Association met last night and appointed Charles Appel, Charles Kimbal, and John Ricke a delegation to the Liquor Dealers' Convention at Albany.

Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., Pastor of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church and Chancellor of the University of New-York, will preach at the First Reformed Episcopal Church, Madison avenue and Forty-seventh street, Sunday evening, Sept. 27, at 7:45 o'clock.

The walking match for $500, wherein W. E. Harding, of this City, was to walk from James Gordon Bennett's residence in Fifth avenue to Jerome Park, in one hour and thirty-seven minutes, has been postponed from to-morrow until Oct. 2, by consent of both parties in the contract.

Patrick Brady, of No. 703 Third avenue, was arrested and taken before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday, charged with retailing liquor and manufactured tobacco without having paid the United States special tax. He was held in the sum of $500 bail to appear for examination.

The ship Titan, of Boston, Capt. Berry, which arrived at this port Thursday from London, encountered a terrific gale which began on the 31st of August and lasted for forty-eight hours. The vessel lost and split a whole suit of sails, and also sprung mizzenmast, fore, main, and cross jack yards, fore and maintopsail yards and maintopgallant yards.

The Committee of Ways and Means of the Assembly, who are engaged in the revision and modification of the present laws bearing on the taxation and assessment of property, will meet on the 5th of October in the Common Council chamber, in the City Hall, for a public hearing. The sessions will be open, and any one desiring to give his views will be welcome.

The sporting fraternity assembled last evening in considerable numbers at Johnson's Pool-room, for the purpose of buying pools on the match between the Irish and American rifle teams, at Creedmoor, to-day. A large number of pools were sold. The Irish team had the call in the betting, but at small odds. The following figures indicate the estimation in which the rival teams are held by the betting men:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Irish | $100 | $60 | $50 |
| American | 80 | 45 | 42 |

In the French pools the odds were less. the Americans selling almost even with their competitors.

## *BROOKLYN.*

On Monday a grand reunion of Knights Templar will take place at Prospect Park.

The Marcy Avenue Baptist Church is nearly completed, and will be dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 11.

Yesterday the Park Commissioners made their final draft on County Treasurer Gardner for $12,854 45, on account of the Ocean Parkway Improvement.

A large number of new and valuable specimens have recently been added to the natural history department of the Long Island Historical Society.

Early next week three gangs of men, at present being organized by the Engineer of the Board of City Works, will be put to work repairing the streets.

Mr. Edward Clark, ex-offal contractor, commenced a suit for $75,000 against the City yesterday. Mr. Clark claims to be damaged to that extent by the rescinding of his contract.

A motion for a new trial was made yesterday before Judge Pratt by the defendants in the case of Jesse Hoyt et al. vs. Abel Lakin et al., on the ground that the prosecution tampered with the jury.

In the suit of Mrs. Fields against her husband, Thomas W. Fields, Superintendent of Public Schools, for a limited divorce, a motion was made yesterday in the Supreme Court to send the case before a referee. Decision reserved.

Ann Clements was committed yesterday to await the result of injuries inflicted by her on Eliza Dermody. Both women reside at No. 65 Franklin avenue. During a dispute about some trivial matter, the woman Clements struck Mrs. Dermody on the head with a pitcher, fracturing her skull.

In Justice Walsh's Police Court yesterday Julia Rorke, of No. 78 Raymond street, made a charge of abandonment against her husband. The defendant was some time ago divorced from his wife, but, after the divorce, lived with her again, as she alleges. If Mrs. Rorke offers proof of her assertions the husband can be held responsible. The case was adjourned.

On Thursday night an unknown man was found by an officer of the Second Precinct lying insensible in Water street. He was taken to the station-house, where he was locked up on a charge of being drunk. Some hours afterward an examination proved that the man's skull was fractured, and a physician being sent for, he was removed to the City Hospital. The unfortunate man still remains unconscious, and is in a precarious condition. Nothing by which he could be identified was found on his person.

## *WESTCHESTER COUNTY.*

The ladies connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Katonah have subscribed $1,500 toward paying for their new house of worship.

Mr. John W. Husted, of Bedford, father of Hon. James W. Husted, has resigned his position in the Custom-house and returned home, on account of feeble health.

The challenge recently given by James Ten Eyck, of Peekskill, to row against any man in New-York, has been accepted by John Biglin. It is to be a three-mile race.

The Yonkers Council of Sovereigns of Industry has been organized with the following officers: E. Curtiss, President; J. T. Bell, Vice President; J. A. Dowe, Secretary; William Conk, Treasurer; James Biggerstaff, Lecturer; J. H. Hinchdiffe, Steward.

The "Isaak Walton Club," of Port Chester, has been permanently organized by the election of the following officers: Christian Wenkenbach, President; William M. Rich, Vice President; George W. Smith, Secretary; Philip Wiegand, Treasurer; William Baker, Steward.

The Handel and Haydn Society of Peekskill held their first meeting for the season a few evenings ago, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: G. T. Sutton, President; S. H. Mead, Vice President; C. C. Sherwood, Secretary and Treasurer; Samuel Barrett, Librarian.

Mr. Pierre Van Cortlandt has sold 400,000 cubic yards of sand from the bank west side of the railroad of Croton Landing to Mr. N. H. Decker, of New-York. The sand is to be used for the purpose of filling in the cattle yards of the Hudson River Railroad Company at Fifty-ninth street. One hundred Italians have reached Croton Landing to take up the sand.

## *LONG ISLAND.*

The North Side Railroad has effected an English loan of $1,500,000 with which to extend their road.

Competition between Charlick's and the North Side Railroad has produced a general reduction in fares.

A case of malignant scarlet fever having made its appearance in a house adjacent to the Union School-house, at Sag Harbor, the Board of Education have decided to close the school until the danger of contagion is past.

The broadside of a wreck, supposed to be that of a large schooner, without masts, sails, or rigging, was floating in the surf opposite Bridge Hampton yesterday. No name was visible on the wreck, and there were no signs of human life about it.

The small-pox having made its appearance in Hunter's Point, fears were entertained that the disease might become epidemic. To prevent this the Health Bureau have issued orders that all persons not vaccinated shall present themselves at the office of the Sanitary Inspector, Dr. Z. P. Dennler, and receive the proper treatment.

Mr. Harry Foster, a printer, who mysteriously left his home from Hunter's Point, a few weeks ago, has not been heard from since. When he left he had over $600 on his person, and fears are entertained that he has been foully dealt with. He was seen on Chatham street, New-York, the same night he left home. The next morning he visited a friend of his in the Bowery, and requested the loan of a couple of dollars. This was the last seen of him.

## *STATEN ISLAND.*

The revenue steamer Grant was again at her anchorage, off Tompkinsville, yesterday, after an extended cruise along the coast in search of disabled vessels.

The Staten Island Railway Ferry Company will change the week-day schedule of their ferry trips on the 1st of October. The boats will then leave Staten Island every hour, from 6 o'clock A. M. to 7 P. M., with an evening trip at 10 o'clock; and New-York from 6 A. M. to 7 P. M., with evening trips at 9 and 11:45.

## *NEW-JERSEY.*

The trial of John A. Broadwell, the alleged defaulting tax collector of Newark, has been set down for Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Edward Taylor, aged nine years, fell from the roof of a building in Caldwell, a day or two ago, and sustained serious injuries.

The Damascus Commandery, Knights Templar, of Newark, have decided to participate in the parade at Brooklyn on the 28th inst.

Franklin Broom, a resident of Burlington County, has been indicted by the Grand Jury for the alleged abduction of Mercy S. Cramer, aged fifteen years.

Fifteen feet of the Van Houten street sewer, in Paterson, caved in yesterday. Martin Cummins, a laborer employed on the sewer, was buried beneath the debris. He was taken out, having sustained no serious injury.

John McDermott and Frank Reynolds were arrested in Weehawken yesterday on a charge of robbing James Cooley of $70. After an examination before a Justice, John McDermott was discharged and Reynolds committed for trial.

The silk weavers in the employ of William Strange & Co., Paterson, who struck to test the validity of a contract precluding them from leaving the service of the firm until they had finished the warps in their looms, yesterday agreed to resume work. The case already tried will be sent to the Supreme Court for decision.

John Smith, James Williams, and Nellie Collins were arrested in Newark at a late hour Thursday night on a charge of highway robbery. The complainant, Bertanello Antonio, an organ-grinder, alleges that the trio attacked him in Market street between 10 and 11 o'clock, and the two men held him while the woman took pennies and stamps to the amount of about $2 out of his pockets. The prisoners were committed for trial.

Ex-Police Justice Roderick B. Seymour, of Jersey City, has commenced suit against the *American Standard* for libel, and claims damages to the amount of $20,000. The alleged libel is contained in an article published in that paper containing an account of the charge made against Seymour by Mrs. Dunn of refusing to pay over to her $279 pension money, which he had collected from the Government for her and her children. Seymour says that he could not pay over the money to Mrs. Dunn because it was attached by Isaac Houston, the guardian of the children. Mrs. Dunn denies that Houston is the guardian, and says that she herself is not only the natural but legal guardian of the children, and therefore entitled to receive the money for them.

## *THE STATE OF TRADE.*

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Cattle fairly active and steady at unchanged prices; receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 1,000 head. Hogs moderately active at higher prices; extreme range, $5 50@7 25; bulk of sales at $6 30@$6 90; receipts, 10,000 head; shipments, 11,000 head. Sheep quiet and 10c. lower at $2 25@$3 for common; $3 75@$4 50 for medium; $3 75@$4 25 for good to choice; receipts, 600 head.

HAVANA, Sept. 22.—Spanish Gold 191@192; American, 195@196. Exchange firm; on the United States 60 days currency, 73@75 premium; short sight, 78@80 premium; 60 days Gold, 88@90 premium; short sight, 92@95 premium; on London, 116@118 premium; on Paris, 34@36 premium. Sugar, No. 12 D. S., 17½@18 reals per arroba.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 25.—Spirits Turpentine strong at 35c. Resin firm; $2 for Strained. Crude Turpentine firm; $1 40 for Hard; $2 40 for Yellow Dip; $2 40 for Virgin. Tar firm at $2 10.


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